Vince Perez, Pat Sto. Tomas out in Cabinet revamp

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Do Fil-Ams care about voting?

By Leah Makabenta

WASHINGTON D.C.—When the leader of the Philippines arrives for a visit, it's a big event for Filipinos overseas, eager as ever to symbolically renew their

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Imelda's ₱2B a mystery

PCGG asks BIR to probe settlement bonanza

By Donna S. Cueto

THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government is asking the Bureau of Internal Revenue to investigate Imelda Marcos for possible tax liability in connection with a mysterious P2-billion settlement.

According to a "strictly private and confidential" document leaked to the PCGG detailing the fees of Marcos' lawyers arising from the supposed settlement, the former first lady was to have received a total of P2 billion in five tranches starting on Dec. 15, 2001, until last month.

Marcos had supposedly received P1.6 billion as of last May 31, and was to get P200 million before Aug. 31 and another P200 million before Oct. 31, completing the settlement payment by a yet unknown party.

The PCGG is intent on discovering what big case had been settled that would involve payment of the huge sum to Marcos.

"From our own records in all the cases involving the PCGG, there has been no recorded and approved settlement between Mrs. Marcos and any other party," PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza said at a press conference Thursday.

But a source in the commission who spoke on condition of anonymity cited the case against the Philippine Long Distance and Telephone Co. Inc., which the government recently lost. The PCGG is set to question before the Supreme Court the Sandiganbayan decision on the PLDT case promulgated on May 6.

Rita Gaddi, a well-known Marcos as-

IMELDA'S/A18

"HORROR" stories about the "real" Imelda Marcos as told by her once rabid defenders were heard during a Halloween party hosted by Anthony J. Violago (third from left) in his Corinthian Garden residence in Quezon City. Other storytellers were, from left, Nonoy Escolin, Cherry Cobarrubias and Rita Gaddi. RANDY HORMILLOSA

'Loyalists' swap horror stories about Imelda

By Arlyn de la Cruz
and Juliet L. Javellana

(First of a series)

THERE was nothing scary about the Halloween Party held at the sumptuous Violago residence in Corinthian Gardens in Quezon City last Oct.31. But had Imelda Marcos been around—and she should have been as the merry-makers were her longtime rabid loyalists—she would definitely get the scare of her life.

The guests were swapping "horror stories" about her. And they decided right there to put it all down in a book.

The book of "inside stories" is now being written by Rita B. Gaddi, who had served Mrs. Marcos for 27 years. It will detail the individual experiences of the former first lady's allies who said they now know the "real Imelda."

From the party talk that night, the real Imelda surfaced after she allegedly received a P2-billion settlement from the Cojuangcos of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. Mrs. Marcos had claimed in an INQUIRER story four years ago that the (Antonio) Cojuangco shares in the PLDT belonged to the Marcoses. *(See banner story.)*

One guest said, "Mrs. Marcos is now in a position and has the means to fulfill that promise." He was referring to Mrs. Marcos' oft-repeated public pronouncements to help the Filipino people by setting up a Marcos foundation to benefit the poor.

The quest claimed to be privy to a re-

LOYALISTS/A18

LT. GEN. Dionisio Santiago enters "revolving" door as AFP chief of staff for the next five months. EDWIN BACASMAS

Army chief named next chief of staff

By Dona Pazzibugan and TJ Burgonio

THE GENERAL who held back the rioting followers of deposed President Joseph Estrada will be the next Philippine military chief of staff.

Army chief Lt. Gen. Dionisio Santiago will succeed Gen. Benjamin Defensor who retires on Nov. 18 after serving for two months.

Santiago welcomed the announcement of his appointment and thanked the President "for her trust and confidence."

Santiago said his priority would be

ARMY/A18

Street dogs guarding RP sovereignty in Spratlys

By Jerry Esplanada

KALAYAAN Island Group—They may not have dog tags and ranks like the bomb- and drug-sniffing K-9s of the military and the police, but the 20-or-so resident canines in the Philippine-occupied parts of the Spratlys are just as heroic.

Unlike their purebred counterparts in the military and the police, some of which were imported at P2 million each, the working dogs in the Spratlys were obtained by Navy enlisted men for free.

The dogs are mostly native *askals* ("*asong kalye*" or literally, street dogs) and they were given free to soldiers manning the nine South China Sea features where Philippine troops are stationed.

STREET/A18

WITH neither a stiff price tag nor steaks for sustenance, stray dogs plucked off the streets serve as all-weather guards 24/7 and early-warning devices in the Philippine-occupied islands in the Spratlys. DENNIS SABANGAN

Perez, Sto. Tomas on way out in Cabinet revamp

By Tony Bergonia
and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE RESHUFFLE of the Cabinet that Malacañang is planning will also lead to the ouster of Patricia Sto. Tomas and Vincent Perez Jr. as labor and energy secretaries, a reliable source told the INQUIRER yesterday.

A candidate for the labor portfolio is Ernesto Herrera, a former senator and congressman and a longtime leader of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines, the source said. Perez is supposedly planning to return to the private sector.

Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman would be given the agrarian reform portfolio if Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor would reject it.

Insiders had earlier said the President was thinking of switching Montemayor and Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza but that Montemayor wanted to stay put.

The source also said Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho and Defense Chief Angelo Reyes were among the Cabinet members who would stay at their posts.

The other movements cited by the source involve National Security Adviser Roilo Golez, who is supposedly interested in the defense portfolio; and Trade Secretary Mar Roxas, Justice Secretary Hernando Perez and Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit, who will supposedly leave the Cabinet

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Second FRONTPAGE

US open to Yemeni-type strike in RP

THE UNITED States would keep its options open in launching a Yemeni-style strike against terror groups in Southeast Asia, regarded as the second front in the US-led coalition's battle against terrorism after Afghanistan, the coordinator for counter-terrorism in the US State Department said yesterday.

"For Yemen, perhaps that is a military operation and for the Philippines, it may be a law enforcement option," Francis Taylor told a briefing here yesterday.

"But all of those options are on the table, that are available to governments and regional coalitions to fight against the threat and find the right tool and right time to get the result we are looking for," he explained.

Six suspected al-Qaida members were killed in a controversial Central Intelligence Agency-led missile strike in Yemen a week ago. Some groups have raised questions about the legality, effectiveness and ethics of using a tactic outwardly akin to assassination.

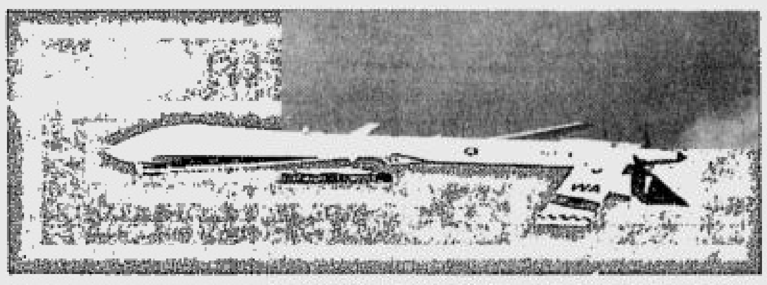
Assassination is banned by a presidential executive order.

Taylor, who was in Manila to attend a counter-terrorism conference, has been touring Southeast Asia to bolster support for the US-led war on terrorism. The Philippines was the last stop on a trip that took him to Australia, Indonesia and Singapore.

US President George W. Bush had asked the international coalition against terrorists to put "all kinds of power together" to take on the threat and "to use what is appropriate given the nature of the threat we face," Taylor said.

The US State Department is the lead federal agency dealing with international terrorism and Taylor's office has primary responsibilities for developing, coordinating and implementing US counter-terorism policy, officials said.

He said US intelligence had established clear links between al-Qaida, Jemaah Islamiyah and the Abu Sayyaf, the bandit group operating in Sulu and Basilan.



US Air Force file photo of an unmanned Predator aerial vehicle armed with hellfire missiles. The remote-controlled CIA aircraft was used to attack a car carrying six suspected al-Qaida operatives in Yemen last week. AFP

"There are known associations between the three organizations and these are relationships we continue to examine," he said.

The United States fears that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network has teamed up with other Muslim extremist groups in the region to carry out terror attacks.

But Taylor downplayed suggestions that Southeast Asia would be the next major battlefield against terrorism.

"The fact is we are engaged in a global simultaneous campaign against terrorism. It is a global threat and Southeast Asia is just part of that threat," he said.

Taylor said Southeast Asian countries still lacked the ability to tackle terrorism even though they are committed to the fight, Taylor said.

"Is the region committed? Absolutely yes. Is the capacity in place? No, not yet," he said.

Taylor highlighted the need for countries to strengthen their cooperation and coordination and to work together to cut off the flow of funds to militant groups.

But he did not give any specific recommendations on what countries should do to improve their counter-terrorism capability.

Asked whether the covert Yemeni strike a week ago which killed six suspected terrorists was necessary and legal, Taylor said: "Sure, the answer is yes. Both legal and the appropriate tool given the circumstances."

"We will use whatever is necessary and legal to attack this (terrorist) threat, to interdict it and eliminate it," Francis Taylor told a media briefing here.

US Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz had implicitly confirmed that the United States was behind the missile strike in Yemen, calling it a "very successful tactical operation."

The six suspected al-Qaida operatives were killed by a Hellfire missile launched from a remote-controlled CIA Predator aircraft as they rode in a vehicle 160 km east of the Yemeni capital Sanaa, reports have said.

Among the dead men was reportedly a senior al-Qaida leader suspected of masterminding the October 2000 attack on the US destroyer Cole.

Al-Qaida is blamed for the September 2001 attacks in the United States while the Southeast Asian-based Islamic extremist group, the Jemaah Islamiyah, is believed by some governments to be behind last month's bombings on the Indonesian resort island of Bali.

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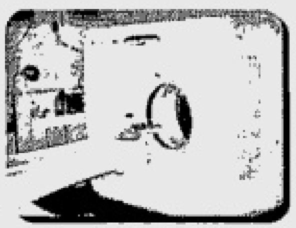

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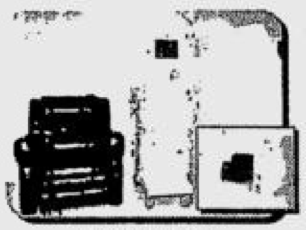

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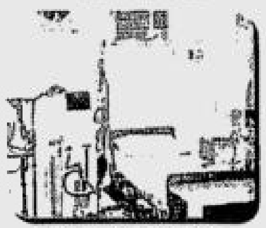

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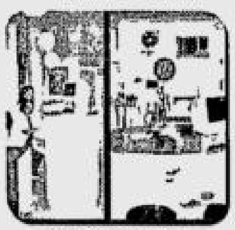

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Globe, Smart seek gov't help after spate of Red attacks

TWO of the country's largest telecommunications firms sought government help after a spate of rebel attacks on their mobile phone relay stations, an official said Saturday.

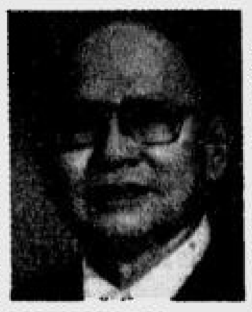
Globe Telecommunications and Smart Communications have expressed their concern to Transportation and Communications Secretary Leandro Mendoza and asked for more military and police security after communist rebels raided another Globe relay station this month.

"They were asking for additional security from the national police and the armed forces for their cell sites," said Thompson Lantion, spokesperson of the Department of Transportation and Communications.

However, he did not say what Mendoza, former PNP chief, was doing to help them.

In the past, communist and Moro rebels have attacked the relay stations in rural areas, often as part of extortion schemes. *AFP*

Ex-SC chief justice Makalintal dies; 91



MAKALINTAL

QUERUBE C. Makalintal, former chief justice of the Supreme Court (1973-75,) died yesterday at the age of 91.

A founding partner of one of the country's leading law firms, he graduated from the UP College of Law and placed seventh in the 1933 Bar exams.

Makalintal also served as presiding justice of the Court of Appeals(1961-62); solicitor general and general corporate counsel (1954) and judge of the Court of First Instance, Iloilo.

He was associate justice of the high court from 1962 until his appointment as chief justice in 1973.

Makalintal is survived by his wife, Charito Gonzalez, and children, Eduardo (Poch), Nookie, and Bobby; son-in-law Jun Lanuza and daughter-in-law Alayne.

His remains now lie at the Santuario de San Jose in Greenhills, San Juan.

Interment plans will be announced later.

No connection to Bali blast

THE BLAST at a Philippine consulate in Manado on Oct. 12 was not related to the deadly bomb blasts in Bali the same day, the Indonesian police official probing the case said yesterday.

Maj. Gen. I Made Mangku Pastika, head of the investigating team of the Bali bombings, said the attack on the consulate was the result of a feud between Filipino businessmen and their local rivals over gold mining in the region.

"There are no connections between Bali and Manado," he said, adding there was no involvement of Muslim extremist group, Jemaah Islamiyah, in the consulate bombing.

Pastika did not identify the perpetrators of the attack on the consulate but said five suspects were already in custody. *AFP*

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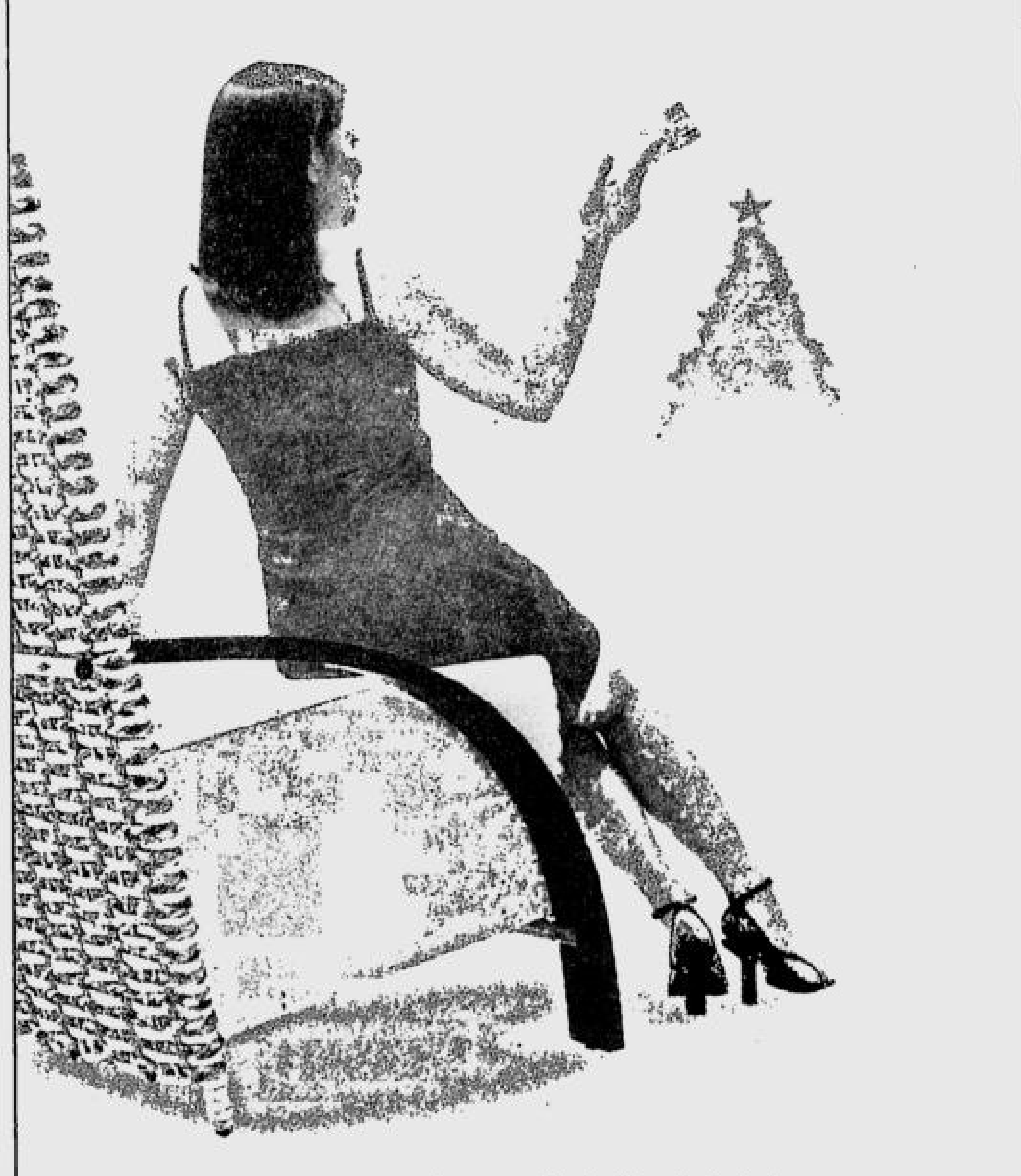

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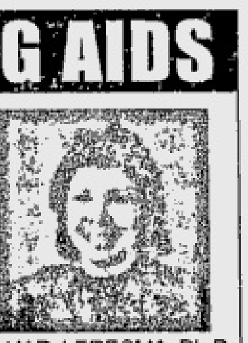

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No budget means 'very powerful' GMA, lawmakers warned

By Juliet L. Javellana

IF CONGRESS fails to approve the proposed P804.2 billion national budget for next year, President Macapagal-Arroyo will be "very powerful" right before the national elections in 2004.

A congressman belonging to the House majority pointed out that 2003's would be an "election budget" because it precedes the May polls for president, vice-president, senators, congressmen and other local officials.

The congressman, who did not want to be named, said that if the present budget of P780.1 billion were merely reenacted for next year, release of all funds, including the congressional pork barrel, would have to be approved by the President.

He said this also meant no new projects would be implemented.

"*Pipila kami* (we will have to line up in Malacañang)," the solon said.

This is all right if one is an ally of the President's, he said. "But what if you are in the camp of (Raul) Roco?"

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This year's PDAF amounted to P5.6 billion.

SC spares killers of Payumo family

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE SUPREME Court has spared from lethal injection three men who had been convicted by a lower court for the brutal murder of the Payumo family in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, in 1995.

In a full-court decision, the high tribunal reduced the penalty imposed on Maximo Delmo, Edmund Delmo and Francisco Lapiz from death to four reclusion perpetua sentences (equal to four life terms).

In a decision penned by Associate Justice Leonardo Quisumbing on Oct. 4, the high court said that while the three men were criminally liable for the murder of the family of Angelito Payumo, it found no aggravating or mitigating circumstances to warrant the imposition of the death penalty on the killers.

The court thus modified the decision handed down by the Biñan regional trial court on March 20, 1997 in the consolidated case for murder and frustrated murder.

The three men were convicted on the testimony of Helen Grace Payumo, the lone survivor who witnessed the massacre of the four members of her family on Sept. 9, 1995.

The SC also exonerated the fourth convict, Danilo Lapiz, on the ground of "reasonable doubt."

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NFA told: Planters, yes, importers, no

By G. Lacuarta

FROM RICE planters to rice importers? The idea does not sit well with peasant organizations who are protesting the National Food Authority's plan to allow some 500 farmers cooperatives to import the staple starting January 2003.

"These farmer cooperatives and organizations will only end up as conduits and dummies of unscrupulous rice traders," warned Rafael Mariano, chair of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas.

The KMP said three out of four farmers are highly dependent on credit from usurers to finance their crops. "It is therefore ironic that the anti-peasant Macapagal-Arroyo government is now saying that Filipino rice farmers are financially capable to import rice," Mariano said.

The NFA said almost 500 farmers' group throughout the country have applied to import rice. Each group is allowed to bring in a maximum of 200 tons.

The government will help farmers finance their rice importation.

Mariano said the government should support the local rice industry, instead of encouraging farmers to import rice when they should be planting it. The Philippines is one of Asia's largest rice buyers, importing 1.14 million tons in 2002. It usually buys from Thailand, Vietnam and India.

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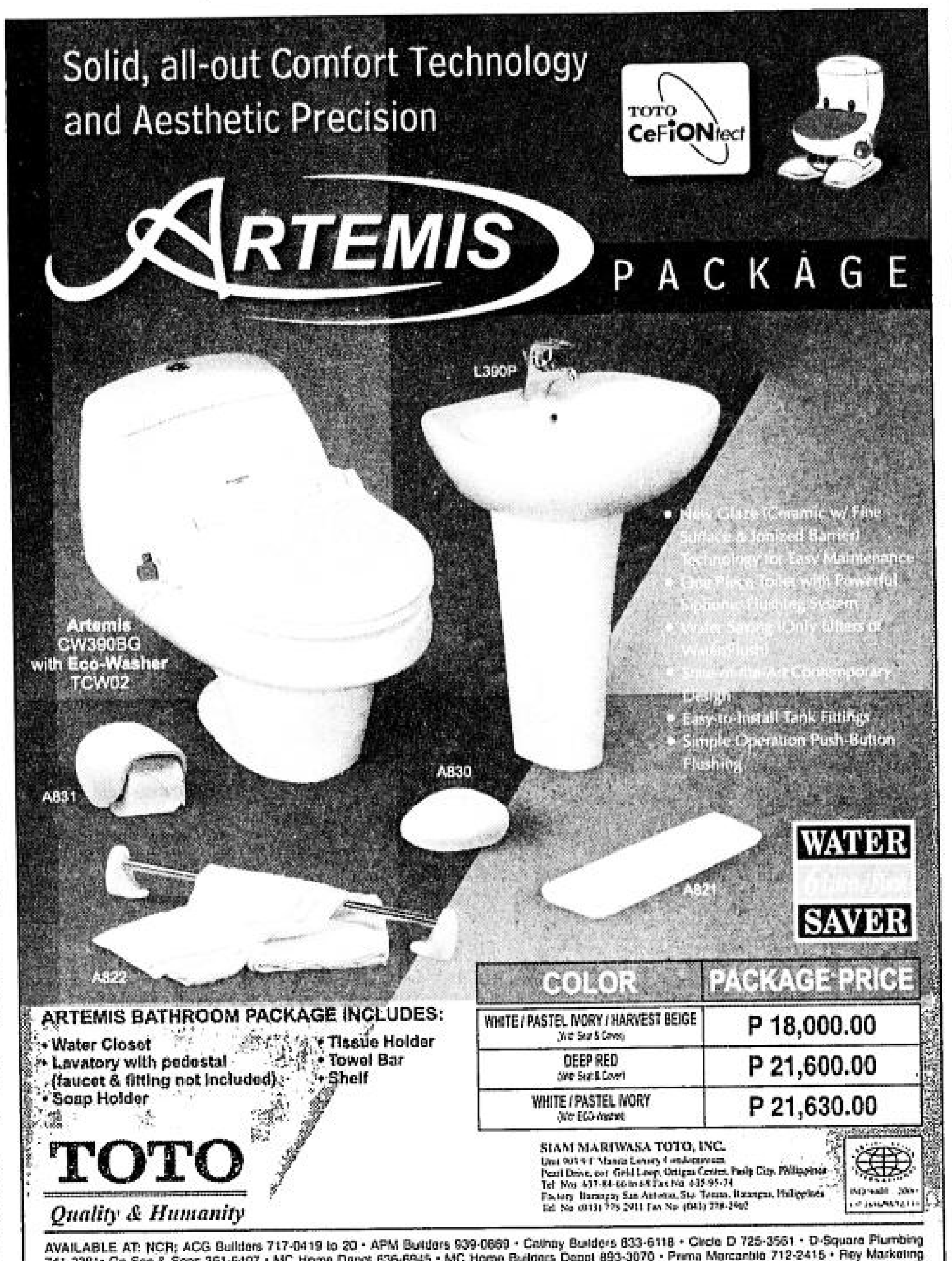

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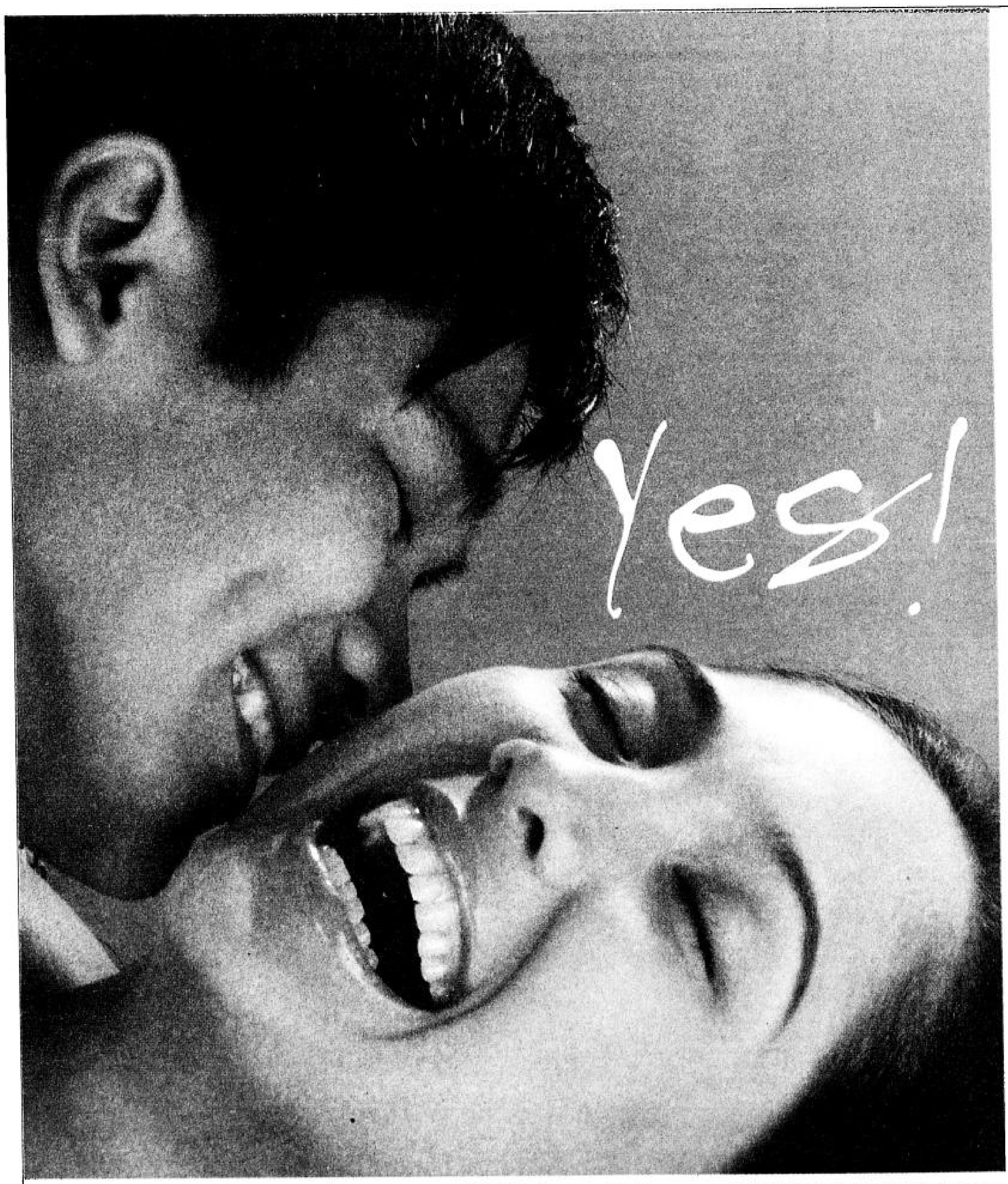

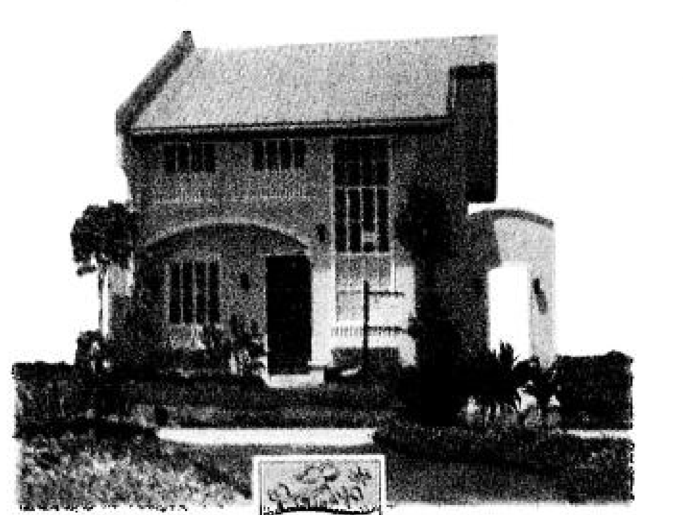

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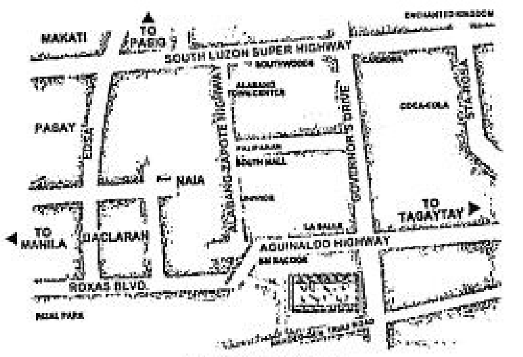

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Developments and Directions in Dermatology

"I extend my warmest greetings to the officers and members of the **Philippine League of Dermatologists, Inc.** on your *15th Regional Conference of Dermatology (RCD)*, on the theme, *"Developments and Directions In Dermatology."*

Your association has been an invaluable partner in providing affordable health care to our people. In the fields of dermatological research and clinical practice Your achievements through the years have provided support to our government's efforts to alleviate poverty to enable the poor and the disadvantaged to enjoy a more peaceful, prosperous, and healthy life

This international event will serve as a forum for various dermatologists around the world to share their expertise and experience with their colleagues. This is also a chance for the hosts to give our guests a taste of our renowned Filipino hospitality.

I hope that this affair would bring closer ties among the members and reinforce their resolve to achieve their goal of a more peaceful and progressive society.

Mabuhay layong lahat!

GMArroyo

Her Excellency **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**
President
Republic of the Philippines

It is with distinct pride and pleasure that I convey my warmest felicitations to the Philippine League of Dermatologists, Inc. as it hosts the 15th Regional Conference of Dermatology (Asian-Australasian) on November 12-16, 2002.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the organizers for bringing together into their assembly a wide array of international experts on dermatology, a wide range of topics and issues to be discussed, as well as a diverse mix of personages from various backgrounds and cultures which, I am certain, would certainly stimulate greater interest to this conference.

Secondly, I wish to welcome the delegates on this international conference to the country and urge each and everyone who came to savor the singular opportunity of experiencing Filipino hospitality at its best

Thirdly, of course, I hope that this conference will prove to be a meaningful one as we in the health sector, led by the Department of Health, continues to pursue the implementation of health reforms in search of new and innovative ways of improving the delivery of healthcare services in the country.

May you continue to provide more opportunities for a productive exchange of ideas on how we can best harmonize and further improve the quality of dermatologic care in the Asian-Australasian region and beyond.

On that note, I wish everyone a fruitful convention and bid you every possible success in all of your endeavors.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

Honorable **MANUEL M. DAYRIT, MD, MSc**
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Department of Health

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Governors of the Philippine Medical Association, we heartily greet the officers and members of the Philippine League of Dermatologists, Inc., on the occassion of its 15th Regional Conference of Dermatology (Asian-Australasian) on the theme, *"Developments and Directions in Dermatology"*.

We at the PMA are most elated to join you in welcoming an awesome number of not less than one thousand participants and delegates to this important biennial regional conference. Playing host for the third time to this impressive gathering speaks highly of your organizational acumen and amazing industry. Dermatologists are in for some exciting scientific sessions on cutting edge topics which are no less than breath taking for their well roundedness and relevance. For your concern and dedication in opening avenues for dermatologists to hone their knowledge and skills, and for being responsive to the demands of a highly competitive and technologically advanced global environment, we salute you. Let us all look forward to the unqualified success of this Regional Conference

"PMA 100 Years - Continuing the Challenge for a Healthy Nation", the Annual Convention theme, enjoin all of you with renewed vigor to continue bringing effective healthcare to our people. At the same time, we ask you to celebrate with us the 100th Anniversary of the PMA on September 15, 2003, on the theme, *"100 Years of the PMA in Nation Building - Service to the People for a Healthy Philippines"*.

Congratulations. Mabuhay ang Philippine League of Dermatologists, Inc.

GIL M. FERNANDEZ, MD
President
Philippine Medical Association

Welcome and thank you for joining us in the 15th Regional Conference of Dermatology.

More than 2 years ago, the Organizing Committee had started working on this very important and significant endeavour, the aim of which is to produce an output which is comprehensive, stimulating and worth attending.

The Scientific Program offers multiple opportunities for an international exchange of information, ideas and feedbacks. An impressive faculty composed of renowned leaders in dermatological research, education, and clinical experience will be on hand to provide answers to queries you may have with regards to your own dermatological experience.

Our theme, "Developments and Directions in Dermatology" focuses on advances in concepts, procedures, techniques, drugs and equipments utilized or would be utilized by dermatologists and those interested in dermatology all around the globe.

You will have the opportunity for social interaction and meet with old and new fellow colleagues thru the non-academic programs that have been lined up as well.

The 15th Regional Conference in Manila (our 3rd time to be the host - the 1st in 1982, the 2nd in 1992) promises to be an unforgettable and meaningful professional experience for everyone.

Enjoy your stay with us – make the most out of it – hope to see you all! MABUHAY!

Clarita Cruz-Maaño, MD, MHPEd
Overall Chairperson
15th Regional Conference of Dermatology

Mabuhay!

I take pride and pleasure in welcoming all of you to an excellent convention intended to impart the newest "Developments and Directions in Dermatology".

For the third time, the Philippine League of Dermatologists is happy to prepare a convention worth everyone's attention and attendance. The Scientific Committee has enthusiastically invited thirty nine very distinguished and dynamic speakers from many parts of the world to share with us their knowledge, technology and valuable experiences particular to their specialties. Thirteen speakers from the Philippines complement the whole picture. We have addressed the call of the practicing dermatologists for lectures that are evidence based, practical and timely. It is therefore a rare opportunity and avenue for updating.

You are sure to appreciate the scientific courses and we are confident that you will enjoy the social programs intended to strengthen amity and foster new friendships. After all Filipinos are renowned for their warm cordiality and sincere hospitality.

Let's jointly share the five productive days of the 15th Regional Conference of Dermatology. Again, welcome and *Mabuhay!*

Evangeline B Handog

EVANGELINE B. HANDOG, MD
Secretary-General
15th Regional Conference of Dermatology

The dermatologists of the Philippines welcome you to our beautiful country and the 15th Regional Conference of Dermatology!

With the theme "Developments and Directions in Dermatology", the Organizing Committee has prepared a scientific program that will surely update the participants on the latest trends in the specialty. They have worked very hard to invite some of the best minds from around the world to share their knowledge and expertise. Specialists from Asia and from the host country round off the roster of speakers who will challenge the participants to continue learning, and re-learning dermatology

Faced with many difficulties, the staging of this biennial regional conference has been both a challenge and an achievement for the organizers. The Philippines takes pride in playing host for the third time (the first and second times being in 1982 and 1992) as we support the regional cooperation promoted by the League of ASEAN Dermatological Societies.

Once again, it is a unique opportunity to interact with fellow dermatologists from different countries, to learn about how dermatology is practiced in different places, their particular problems and solutions. It is a happy time to socialize, to meet old friends, and to make new ones.

Enjoy the hospitality for which the Filipinos are well known. We encourage you to take time during your visit to view the sights and sites in and around Manila, and in the rest of the Philippines.

Elizabeth T. Tianco

ELIZABETH AMELIA V. TIANCO, MD
Honorary Chairperson
15th Regional Conference of Dermatology

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Program of Activities

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2002
PRE CONGRESS COURSES

- **CRS 1 - DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY, LASERS AND LIGHT**
  Venue: Palawan Room
- **CRS 2 - ADVANCES IN CONTACT DERMATITIS AND OCCUPATIONAL DERMATOLOGY**
  Venue: Mactan Room 1
- **CRS 3 - PEARLS AND PERILS IN DERMATOPATHOLOGY**
  Venue: Mactan Room
- **CRS 4 - PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY "RECOGNIZING AND MANAGING KIDSTUFF"**
  Venue: Batanes Room
- **CRS 5 - PSORIASIS WORKSHOP**
  Asian Regional Psoriasis Forum Working Group (ARPF-WG)
  "QUALITY OF LIFE IN PSORIASIS"
  Venue: Boracay Room

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13, 2002
08:00 - 09:00 OPENING CEREMONIES
09:00 - 10:00 PLENARY LECTURE 1
LESSONS FROM THE GENODERMATOSES
Amy S. Paller, MD
Venue: Isla Ballroom
10:00 - 11:00 ADVANCES 1
LASERS AND LIGHT – WHAT'S NEW?
Mitchel P. Goldman, MD
BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF SUBERYTHEMAL UVA - IMPLICATION IN SKIN AGING
Sophie Seite, MD
Venue: Isla Ballroom
11:00 - 12:00 BREAK
12:00 - 01:30 LUNCH SPONSORED SYMPOSIA
SCHERING PLOUGH - INVESTIGATING SKIN EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS
Prof. David Koh
Venue: Isla 1
LEO - ATOPIC DERMATITIS: WHY TOPICAL STEROIDS MAY NOT ALWAYS BE ENOUGH?
John D. Wilkinson, MD
Venue: Isla 2
STIEFEL - CICLOPIROX OLAMINE SHAMPOO: A NEW OPTION FOR DANDRUFF TREATMENT
Prof. Kwang Hyun Cho
Venue: Isla 3
01:30 - 03:00 FOCUS SESSIONS
FS 1 - CUTANEOUS TUMORS: CLUES ON LIGHT MICROSCOPY
Cutaneous Lymphomas
Eduardo Calonje, MD
Timothy H. McCalmont, MD
Venue: Palawan
FS 2 - PEARLS IN DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY AND TREATMENT OF KELOID
Pearls in Dermatologic Surgery
Prof. Goh Chee Leok, MD
Scars and Keloids
Manuel O. Fernandez Jr., MD
Venue: Isla 2

FS 3 - PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY FROM NURSERY TO SCHOOL AGE
Vesiculopustular Disorders in Infants and Neonates
Amy S. Paller, MD
Viral and Bacterial Skin Infections in Children
Yong-Kwang Tay, MD
Venue: Isla 1
FS 4 - NOVEL APPROACHES TO RECALCITRANT ECZEMA
John D. Wilkinson, MD
Prof. Frances J. Storrs, MD
Venue: Isla 3
03:00 - 06:00 SYMPOSIA
SYM 1 - COSMETICS
03:00 - 03:30 Primer on Cosmetics
Marianne O'Donoghue, MD
03:30 - 04:00 Vitamins and Supplements for the Skin – Do they really work?
Joyce Lim, MD
04:00 - 04:30 Cosmetic and Contact Dermatitis
Prof. Goh Chee Leok, MD

04:30 - 05:00 Reversal of Photoaging with Topical Cutaneous Growth Factors
Kimberly J. Butterwick, MD
Venue: Isla 1
SYM 2 - HAIR AND NAILS: SIMPLIFIED
03:00 - 03:30 Hair Splitting Clues to Diagnosis, Clinical Clues to Diagnosis
Rodney D. Sinclair, MD
03:30 - 03:45 No More Tears: Childhood Hair Disorders
Rodney D. Sinclair, MD
03:45 - 04:15 Medical Approach to Nail Disorders
Robert L. Baran, MD
04:15 - 04:45 Nail Surgery - Tips and Techniques
Robert L. Baran, MD
04:45 - 05:00 Open Forum
Venue: Isla 2
SYM 3 - PSORIASIS ROUNDTABLE
03:00 - 03:30 Management of Psoriasis of Scalp, Nails, Palms, Soles and Flexures
John D. Wilkinson, MD
03:30 - 04:00 Drugs Interactions in Psoriasis
Prof. Malcolm W. Greaves, MD
04:00 - 04:30 Update on Psoriasis Therapy and the New Biologicals
John Y.M. Koo, MD
04:30 - 05:00 Question and Answer
John D. Wilkinson, MD
Malcolm W. Greaves, MD
John Y.M. Koo, MD and ARPF Working Group
Venue: Isla 3

DAY 2, THURSDAY, NOV. 14, 2002
07:30 - 09:00 FREE PAPER PRESENTATION 1
DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY AND ADJUVANT TREATMENT
Venue: Isla 3
07:30 - 09:00 FREE PAPER PRESENTATION 2
BULLOUS CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES
Venue: Isla 2
07:30 - 09:00 FREE PAPER PRESENTATION 3
INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND TUMORS
Venue: Isla 1
07:30 - 09:00 FREE PAPER PRESENTATION 4
CONTACT DERMATITIS
Venue: Palawan
09:15 - 10:15 FOCUS SESSIONS
FS 5 - PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT OF ATOPIC DERMATITIS
Prof. John I. Harper, MD
Asso. Prof. Giam Yoke Chin, MD
Venue: Palawan

FS 6 - MANAGEMENT OF REFRACTORY ACNE
Prof. Alan R. Shalita
Venue: Isla 3
FS 7 - ALOPECIA, HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW
Rodney D. Sinclair, MD
Venue: Isla 1
FS 8 - MELASMA
Joyce Lim, MD
Venue: Isla 2
10:30 - 11:30 PLENARY LECTURE 2
GENETICS AND IMMUNOPATHOGENESIS OF ATOPIC DERMATITIS
Prof. John I. Harper, MD
Venue: Isla Ballroom
11:30 - 12:30 ADVANCES 2
WHAT'S NEW IN URTICARIA?
Prof. Malcolm W. Greaves, MD

DRUG INTERACTIONS OF RECENT IMPORTANCE (MADE SIMPLE)
Stephen E. Wolverton, MD
Venue: Isla Ballroom
12:30 - 1:30 LUNCH BREAK
1:30 - 6:00 SIGHTSEEING TOUR

DAY 3, FRIDAY, NOV. 15, 2002
08:00 - 09:00 PLENARY LECTURE 3
NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF PIGMENTARY DISORDERS
Jean L. Bolognia, MD
Venue: Isla Ballroom
09:00 - 10:30 ADVANCES 3
ADVANCES IN PHOTOPROTECTION
Henry W. Lim, MD
WHAT'S NEW IN COSMETICS
Marianne O'Donoghue, MD
WHAT'S NEW IN NAIL DISORDERS
Robert L. Baran, MD
Venue: Isla Ballroom
10:30 - 11:30 BREAK
11:30 - 01:30 LUNCH SPONSORED SYMPOSIA
J&J AND JANSSEN - ONYCHOMYCOSIS FROM EPIDEMIOLOGY TO MANAGEMENT
Prof. Roderick J. Hay, MD
Venue: Isla 1
SCHERING PLOUGH (KIRBY DIVISION) EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PHOTODERMATOSES
Henry W. Lim, MD
Venue: Isla 2
GALDERMA - ACNE REVISITED 2002: GLOBAL ACNE ALLIANCE AND NEW TREATMENT OPTIONS
Prof. Alan R. Shalita, MD
Venue: Isla 3
UCB PHARMA - LEVOCETIRIZINE RAISING THE STANDARD IN ANTI-ALLERGIC THERAPY
Prof. Thomas L. Diepgen, MD
Venue: Palawan
01:30 - 03:00 FOCUS SESSIONS
FS 9 - THE BATTLE AGAINST BLISTERING DISEASES
Jean-Claude Bystryn, MD
Venue: Isla 1
FS 10 - FUNGAL INFECTIONS
Fungal Infections - What's New?
Prof. Roderick J. Hay, MD
What' New in Dermatomycoses? New Diseases, New Methods, New Drugs and New Patients
Prof. Katsutaro Nishimoto, MD
Venue: Isla 3
FS 11 - SKIN SIGNS OF SYSTEMIC SKIN DISEASES: CASES FROM UT SOUTHWESTERN
Ponciano D. Cruz, Jr., MD
Venue: Isla 2
FS 12 - NEWER SYSTEMIC DRUGS: ADVERSE EFFECTS
Stephen E. Wolverton, MD
Venue: Palawan
03:00 - 06:00 SYMPOSIA
SYM 4 - PRACTICAL PHOTOTHERAPY AND PHOTOCHEMOTHERAPY
03:00 - 03:05 Introduction
Jesusa Barcelona-Tan, MD

03:05 - 03:25 Broadband UVB, PUVA and Adjunctive Agents In Psoriasis
John YM Koo, MD
03:25 - 03:45 Updates on Photo(chemo)therapy of Vitiligo
Seung-Kyung Hann, MD
03:45 - 04:05 New Light: Narrow-band UVB, High-dose UVA, PDT and more
Ponciano D. Cruz, Jr MD
04:05 - 04:25 Narrowband UVB Therapy. The American Experience
Henry W. Lim, MD
04:25 - 04:45 Narrowband UVB Therapy: The Asian Experience
Vichit Leenutaphong, MD
04:45 - 05:00 Open Forum
Venue: Isla 1
SYM 5 - CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES
03:00 - 03:20 Glucocorticoid-Induced Osteoporosis
Tito P. Torralba, MD
03:20 - 03:40 Systemic Sclerosis
Clemente M. Amante, MD
03:40 - 04:00 Clinical Pearls in the Diagnosis and Management of Dermatomyositis
Alberto S. Santos-Ocampo, MD
04:00 - 04:20 Methotrexate in the Rheumatic Diseases
Sandra V. Navarra, MD
04:20 - 04:40 The Many Faces of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
Jean L. Bolognia, MD
04:40 - 05:00 Open Forum
Venue: Isla 2
SYM 6 - LEPROSY: NEW PERSPECTIVE TO AN OLD PROBLEM
03:00 - 03:30 The Simplified Once a Month ROM versus Daily MDT Regimen
Tranquilino T. Fajardo, Jr., MD
03:30 - 04:00 Is There a Role for Chemoprophylaxis?
Gertrude P. Chan, MD
04:00 - 04:30 Situation and Future Perspective on Leprosy Elimination. Focusing on the Western Pacific Region of WHO
Sumana Barua, MD (WHO)
04:30 - 05:00 Open Forum
Venue: Isla 3

DAY 4, SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 2002
07:30 - 09:00 FREE PAPER PRESENTATION 5
LEPROSY / TELEDERMATOLOGY
Venue: Isla 3
07:30 - 09:00 FREE PAPER PRESENTATION 6
PEDIATRIC AGE TUMORS /DERMATOSES
Venue: Isla 2
07:30 - 09:00 FREE PAPER PRESENTATION 7
INFLAMMATORY DISEASES / TUMORS
Venue: Isla 1
07:30 - 09:00 FREE PAPER PRESENTATION 8
HERBALS AND OTHER INNOVATIVE MANAGEMENT
Venue: Palawan
09:00 - 10:00 PLENARY LECTURE 4
AUTOIMMUNE BLISTERING DISEASES - WHAT'S NEW?
Jean-Claude Bystryn, MD
Venue: Isla Ballroom
10:00 - 12:00 ADVANCES 4
NEW TREATMENT APPROACHES TO SKIN INFECTIONS
Prof. Roderick J. Hay, MD
HEPATITIS C AND THE SKIN
Ponciano D. Cruz, Jr., MD
A CLOSER LOOK AT ALLERGIES BEYOND ANTIHISTAMINES
Prof. Alexander Kapp, MD
12:00 - 01:30 LUNCH BREAK
01:30 - 03:00 FOCUS SESSION
FS 13 - SAFE USE OF SYSTEMIC CORTICOSTEROIDS
Stephen E. Wolverton, MD
Venue: Isla 1
FS 14 - VITILIGO
Medical Treatment of Vitiligo
Vichit Leenutaphong, MD
Surgical Management of Vitiligo
Seung-Kyung Hann, MD
Newer Therapy for Vitiligo
Henry W. Lim, MD
Venue: Isla 3
FS 15 - URTICARIA, ATOPIC DERMATITIS AND ANTIHISTAMINES
Prof. Malcolm W. Greaves, MD
Venue: Isla 2

06:00 - 10:00 CLOSING CEREMONIES / FAREWELL BANQUET

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Southeast Asia lacks capability to fight terrorism, says US official

SOUTHEAST Asian countries lack the capability to tackle terrorism, though they are fully committed to the fight, a senior US security official said yesterday.

"Is the region committed? Absolutely yes. Is the capacity in place? No, not yet," Francis Taylor, head of counter-terrorism at the US State Department told reporters in Manila.

Taylor has been in the region to bolster support for the US-led war on terrorism. The Philippines was the last stop on a trip that took him to Australia, Singapore and Indonesia.

He highlighted the need for countries to strengthen cooperation and intelligence coordination and to work together to cut off the flow of funds to militant groups.

During his brief visit, Taylor and President Macapagal-Arroyo also discussed possible US help in training the Philippine police in counter-terrorism.

"The President called for police exercises between the United States and the Philippines and that should help a lot in improving the capacity of the Philippine National Police," said Foreign Affairs Secretary Blas Ople at the conclusion of an international anti-terrorism conference in Manila.

Police training would follow earlier military exercises between US and Filipino troops in southern Mindanao, the hotbed of rebel activity in the country.

Taylor said US intelligence had established links between al-Qaida, Jemaah Islamiah and the Abu Sayyaf.

"There are known associations between the three organizations and these are relationships we continue to examine," he said.

The United States fears that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network has teamed up with other Muslim extremist groups in the region to carry out terror attacks.

Islamic extremists are also believed to be responsible for a series of bomb attacks that killed 12 Filipinos and a US soldier over the past month.

But Taylor downplayed suggestions the region would be the next major battlefield against terrorism.

"The fact is, we are engaged in a global simultaneous campaign against terrorism. It is a global threat and Southeast Asia is just part of that threat."

President Macapagal said yesterday the Philippines needs better alliances with other countries in its fight.

"The struggle against terrorism is worldwide. We need to exchange information about terrorists and the movement of their money to different countries," the President said in her weekly radio broadcast. *Reuters*

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European envoys deny 'terror' tag

By Norman Bordadora

EUROPEAN ambassadors to the Philippines lamented on Friday allegations that the Philippines was being tagged a "terrorist haven" by the European Union council.

"It's a ridiculous speculation," Italian Ambassador Umberto Colesanti said in a chance interview following the envoys' meeting with Foreign Secretary Blas Ople at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

In a news release, the DFA said Filipino applicants for a Schengen—or single Europe-wide—visa were to undergo "special procedures," but that these were consistent with security precautions in the wake of international terrorist threats.

The Schengen Treaty was signed in March 1995 by seven European countries in the village of Schengen, on the borders of Luxembourg, France, and Germany.

"It's a purely administrative measure that shouldn't be given political meaning," Colesanti said of the new screening process, which he said had been adopted for nationals of 24 countries.

Ople asked the ambassadors to strike the Philippines off the list which, he was told, was revised every month.

The DFA quoted the European ambassadors as saying that the special visa procedures were the result of an "administrative evaluation" by a technical working group of intelligence agencies in Brussels.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, November 10, 2002
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Wis 6:12-16**

Wisdom is luminous and never tarnished; she willingly lets herself be seen by those who love her, and known by those who look for her. She hastens to meet those who long for her. Seek her in the morning and you will not be disappointed; you will find her sitting at your door.

To meditate on Wisdom is understanding fully grown; whoever is on the watch for her will be free of anxiety. She goes in search of those who are worthy of her, graciously meets them on the way and is present in their every thought.

2nd Reading: **1 Thes 4:13-18**

Brothers and sisters, we want you not to be mistaken about those who are already asleep, lest you grieve as do those who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose; it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus. God will bring them together with Jesus and for his sake.

By the same word of the Lord we assert this: those of us who are to be alive at the Lord's coming will not go ahead of those who are already asleep. When the command by the archangel's voice is given, the Lord himself will come down from heaven, while the divine trumpet call is sounding. Then those who have died in the Lord will rise first; as for us who are still alive, we will be brought along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the celestial world. And we will be with the Lord forever.

So, then comfort one another with these words.

Gospel: **Mt 25:1-13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples, "This story throws light on what will happen in the kingdom of heaven. Ten bridesmaids went out with their lamps to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were careless while the others were sensible.

The careless bridesmaids took their lamps as they were and did not bring extra oil. But those who were sensible, brought with their lamps flasks of oil. As the bridegroom delayed, they all grew drowsy and fell asleep.

But at midnight, a cry rang out: 'The bridegroom is here, come out and meet him!' All the maidens woke up at once and trimmed their lamps. Then the careless ones said to the sensible ones: 'Give us some oil, for our lamps are going out.' The sensible ones answered: 'There may not be enough for both you and us. You had better go to those who sell and buy for yourselves.'

They were out buying oil when the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him to the wedding feast, and the doors were shut.

Later the rest of the bridesmaids arrived and called out: 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he answered: 'Truly, I do not know you.'

So, stay awake, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

Commentary

The Kingdom is not the waiting time of the virgins. The Kingdom is the wedding banquet to which all of them, the foolish virgins as well as the prudent ones, are invited. But it is not enough to have been invited. One has to be on time at the beginning of the feast. One has to come to the appointment. All of us are invited to the Kingdom's banquet but it is our responsibility to be there on time. When is such a moment? We don't know. Nobody knows. Each one is called individually. And each person must keep himself/herself ready for that moment. How? Keeping the torch of faith and love always burning.

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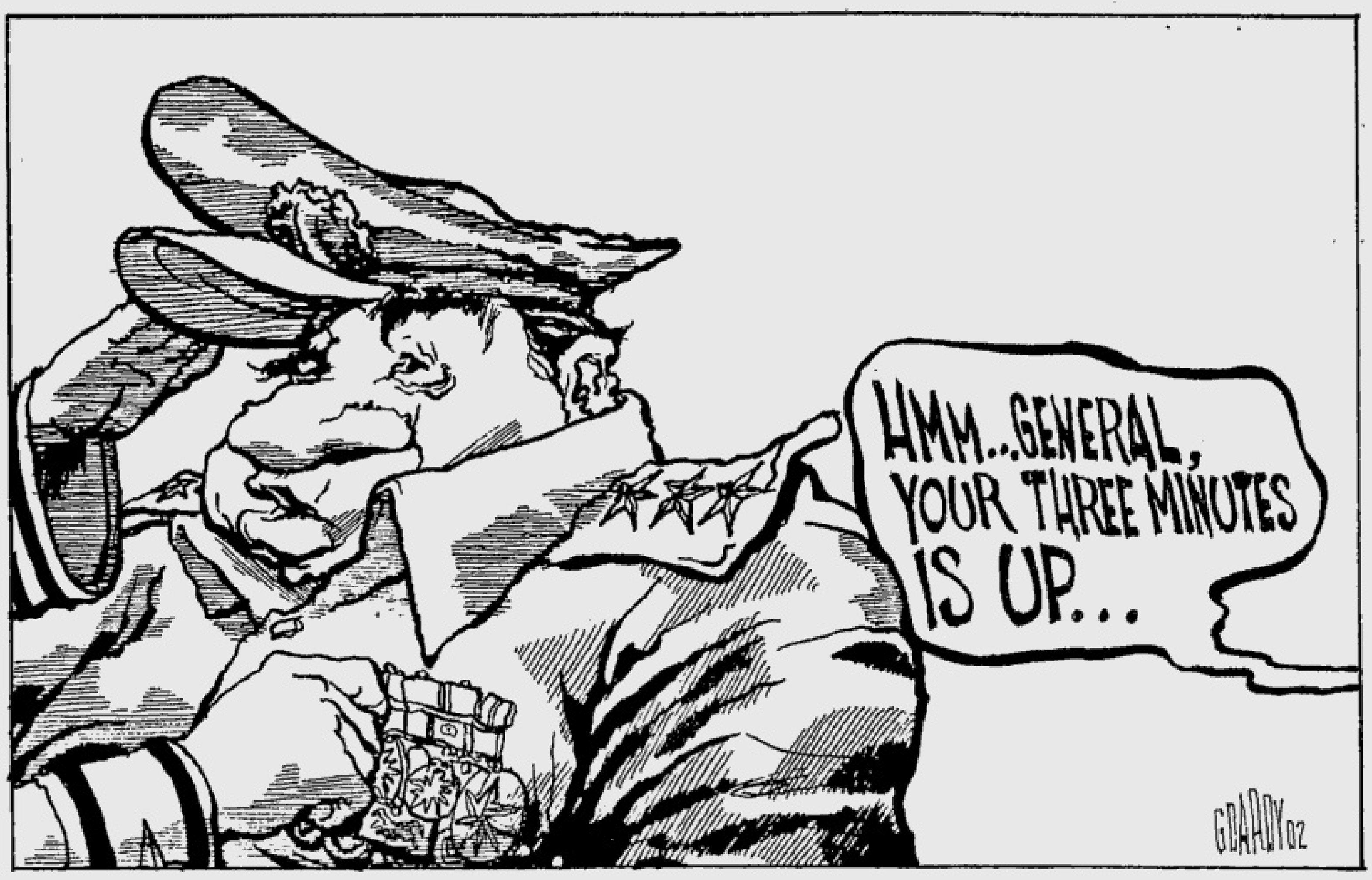
HMM..GENERAL, YOUR THREE MINUTES IS UP...

The chief

EDITORIAL

THE PROBLEM with a revolving door is that it is never as convenient as its designers like to believe. It is too fast for some users, and invites others to consider the alternative.

In the case of the President's revolving-door policy of naming short-term Armed Forces chiefs of staff, the inconvenience invites the ambitious and the adventurous to come crashing in through the window.

Or at least that is the logic behind the latest round of coup rumors.

Much has been made of the alleged grumbling in the military over the reported extension of the term of Gen. Benjamin Defensor, the current chief of staff. Together with an alleged salary-related grievance, unease over the possibility of extension had reportedly driven some officers and not a few men to attempt another coup.

The discontent is real, but the notion that it is deep enough and broad enough to actually lead to a coup is nonsense. Despite the claims of ex-chief of staff Gen. Lisandro Abadia, there is neither a critical mass of support for a coup nor a significant reason to mount one.

But just the same, we must acknowledge that the President's revolving-door policy is responsible in large part for some restiveness, not so much in the ranks, but in the officer corps. It is likely that the latest coup rumors—kindled through text messages, fanned by an ex-AFP chief turned political player, doused by the cold water of reality—were simply meant to keep the President off balance. Those in the military opposed to an extension of Defensor's two-month appointment, which ends on Nov. 18, merely conducted an acoustic war: they floated a rumor or two.

Two days after, a "highly placed source" in the government told the INQUIRER that President Macapagal-Arroyo had decided not to extend Defensor's tour of duty.

The idle talk only proves how egregious the President's policy of appointing short-term chiefs of staff is (before Defensor, Gen. Roy Cimatu served for only four months).

We do not quarrel with what the President last August called her "total prerogative" to choose an officer as chief of staff, or to extend that officer's tour of duty. But it simply isn't true, as the President has argued, that if the appointee is the best man for the job, even an abbreviated appointment is good for the country.

The "institution" argument. The President has said that short terms do not substantially affect the performance of the AFP, because as an institution it is quite capable of running on its own. This isn't true, and runs counter to everything management experts have discovered and continue to teach. And even if it were true, it assumes that the AFP as an institution does not need to change, to adapt itself to the 21st century, and that it can carry on as usual. No one in the military will go that far.

The "superman" argument. The President has suggested that exemplary soldiers like Cimatu and Defensor can make a substantial difference in the AFP despite serving as chief for only a few months. But surely this is a mistake. In the heat of battle, an extraordinary man or woman might rise to the occasion and emerge as a leader. But running one of the biggest bureaucracies in the country is not a single battle; it is nothing less than a war of attrition. In such a situation, one must dig in for the long haul.

The "crowning glory" argument. The President has said that the post of chief of staff, the only four-star general officer in the military, is a crowning glory for men like Cimatu and Defensor. That may well be, but it misses the point. The appointment is not an award, to honor a person, or a marker, to score political points, but a job, to get something done.

When Defensor retires next week, the President must do the right thing, and appoint the next chief of staff for the long term.

Visit to Shanghai

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

MY wife Sally and I were in Shanghai last week with our daughter Cynthia and our 18-year-old granddaughter Trisha. We had a wonderful time. The sights were impressive and the weather was fine except for two rainy days. Most of all, we made new friends.

We were in a group tour with full board, meaning that we had all the time to enjoy the scenery and, for the ladies, shopping. There was no need to worry about where we would have our next meal because our tour guide took care of that. The food was always sumptuous but rather bland for my taste. I have grown used to my Sally's too-salty cooking.

My recollection of Shanghai when I visited it in 1986 as a guest of the Chinese government was of a drab and rather rusty place that had lost its past glory. It used to be an International Settlement where arrogant foreigners enjoyed themselves in their exclusive clubs with haughty signs reading "Dogs and Chinese Not Allowed."

The new city that awaited me when I returned last week was stunning. I could hardly believe my eyes. We deplaned in the late afternoon, and when we reached downtown Shanghai, we were welcomed with a flood of lights in the whole area. It convinced me, as our tour guide justly claimed, that this city was indeed the Paris of the East.

I had always believed that the most attractive place in China, with its high-rise buildings and modern establishments, was Hong Kong. But not anymore, I changed my mind when I saw Shanghai again after 16 years. Shanghai was like a plain-looking girl who had been transformed into a ravishing beauty. The change was amazing. Hong Kong now is like a distant relative of Shanghai.

We thoroughly enjoyed the evening cruise, when we saw the new Shanghai skyline in light and color. We saw it again in the daytime from the 463-meter tall Television Tower, but it looked much better with its merry illumination the night before. The government, we were informed, had ordered the whole place lit up, to make it more alive and attractive.

It reminded me, to my dismay, that many of our downtown areas in Metro Manila, like, say, Ayala Avenue in Makati, are shut down by 7 p.m. or thereabouts, leaving the people not many places to go for night revelry. At that time, things are just starting to perk up in Shanghai, especially for the young people, who are usually out until 3 or 4 in the morning.

Asked how he could manage to stay up until early morning when he had to report for work afterwards, one young man cheerfully said, "No problem. I sleep in the office."

One visit that disappointed us was to Madame Soong's house, which I expected to be a marbled palatial mansion. She belonged, after all, to one of the wealthiest families in China. It turned out to be a small and ordinary wooden house not worth much at current prices. This only emphasized the abject poverty of the masses during that time who probably lived in cramped hovels.

Shanghai is a city in a communist state but I saw no regimentation. Its residents appeared to be ordinary persons who did not show any fear of their government and were enjoying their personal freedom without ubiquitous police restrictions. Their attire was mostly modern and Western; I might have seen miniskirts if the weather was not so cold.

In the shops and markets, there were stocks of wares from food and wines to washing machines and DVD equipment. The wealthy were offered Rolex and Cartier watches, Paris perfumes, Gucci shoes and bags, jade and various jewelry, and, from the stealthy sellers, the inevitable but concealed fakes. My wife bought dried shrimps (*hibe*) and *champoy*. Cynthia got her husband Tonio a *kung fu* sword, and Trisha discovered the potato chips she was munching came from Mandaluyong, Philippines.

All this commerce made me wonder how we, in this erratic republic of ours with a Constitution protecting our individual liberties, are faring in comparison with the wealthy and apparently carefree city of Shanghai under the banner of the Hammer and Scythe.

The crime rate in the Philippines is among the highest in the world. We are known as a nation of kidnappers and domestics. Air pollution has given the whole metropolis a soiled and dingy look. Our poverty line is sinking faster even as the peso continues to rise. There are beggars in the streets, graffiti on the walls, and garbage everywhere. Insurgency and banditry remain unchecked. Graft and corruption have reached plunder dimensions. And our traffic is impossible.

I hope that, in time, our country will reach that state of progress and prosperity that has made Shanghai one of the most prestigious cities in this modern age. This will demand our best and strongest efforts, but it is not an unattainable goal. God willing, we may someday savor that fulfilling moment when we can proudly say to the rest of the world, "This is our land, our Philippines!"

Too little, too late?

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

ACCORDING to a story I heard, two young medical students were walking down the road one day when they chanced upon a man who was walking in a very strange way. One of them said it must have something to do with his bones, while the other opined that it must have something to do with his muscles. Wanting to satisfy their curiosity, they approached him, introduced themselves and told him their medical opinions as to why he was walking in such a strange way. "You two are mistaken. I too was mistaken. I thought I could still make it," the man said and rushed to the nearest toilet.

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You and I, at one time or another, might have experienced the totally unexpected, the urgent, the final and the definitive. There is nothing we can really do in such situations. The Gospel today (Mt. 25, 12-13) warns us that death itself comes at a time when we least expect it, so we are urged to pray, for we neither know the time nor the hour. There is really no way of knowing when, how or where death will come. We must be prepared, anytime, for any eventuality.

The best preparation for a happy death is a life well lived. If your Creator called you today, would you be ready to meet Him?

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Terrorist attacks in our country and all over the world remind us of the suddenness of death anytime, anywhere. The truth of the matter is that there is no guarantee for long life on this earth. No amount of security, no amount of healthy living can guarantee anyone of us to live to be a hundred or even 60. There is a guarantee however, for eternal life—faith in God's grace, mercy and love, and a life well lived. Maybe you already have your pension plan, educational plan and life plan. How about your eternal life plan? Do you have one?

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We face death every day, while we are awake and even while we sleep. Since we are always on the death stand-by mode, it would be good to always keep in mind these two questions: What will I bring along? What will I leave behind? If you are constantly aware of these questions, and if you can answer truthfully these questions, then you are wise and you are prepared anytime.

What can we bring along? Nothing really, except the love we have shared. What can we leave behind? A lot! We can leave behind the mess, and the hurts we have created, or the wealth we have stolen or accumulated. Hopefully we will leave behind lots of love and a better world because we passed by.

Think about it: Do you really need all the things you carry with you right now? Do you need to accumulate so much excess luggage which make your travel difficult and which may deter you from making it to your final destination? Do you need all that trash you are carrying in your heart? Travel light! You better do. If not, you'll travel heavy and you won't make it to your final destination.

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My good friend Danny Sayarot has a good advice which rich people can and should follow. The term he uses is to "unload." Danny tells me that all these years, he makes sure that he "unloads" his material blessings on to others constantly, especially when he receives plenty. He says he just doesn't feel right when he becomes bloated. So he unloads generously. The people around him are happy and so is he.

And so is the Heavenly Father, Danny!

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Actually, constant loading makes life miserable and boring. Constant unloading makes life happy and worth living. Think about it: Not only do the excess wealth and excess trash in your heart make your life miserable. They also could make eternal life for you unattainable!

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On a pilgrimage, you meet all sorts of people. A pilgrimage can become a source of conversion and transformation for many people, including the pilgrimage chaplain. But there is one constant "enemy" during a pilgrimage, and that is shopping. I always restrain those who get involved in "panic shopping" by reminding them to ask themselves three questions: Is it necessary? Is it useful? Is it heavy?

Come to think of it, all people involved in "panic riching," "panic vicing," "panic powering," and "panic faming" should also raise these questions. The bottom line? What does it profit you if you gain all the money, power, pleasures and fame of this world, and lose your soul, and even lose your peace now?

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For those who worry so much about their health and death, please remember that none of us will leave this world alive! Don't be afraid that your life will end. Be afraid rather that your life will never begin.

Yes, let us try our very best while we are still alive. But in the end, let us leave everything to God's mercy and grace.

I asked my good friend from Cebu, Ernesto Michael, what he will say to God when he finally meets Him. This man, who has stared death eyeball to eyeball so many times, said: "Father, when I finally meet God, I'll tell Him, 'Lord, you know that I love you. Have mercy on me, a sinner.'"

Yes, let us all try to live good lives so that when our last moments come, we will have no regrets that we have loved too little, too late.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, death can come anytime. So please help me to be ready to meet You, anytime. Amen.

Open letter to Ramon

COMMENTARY

Asuncion David Maramba

MA'M Asuncion, are you not going to write any more articles on Church reforms?

Well, Ramon, the topic is often on my mind, except that other matters require attention too. This time, let's focus on the local Church. Would Church reform prosper here?

Filipino Catholics are not homogenous. There are many mansions. The biggest one cuts across economic classes—from the teeming poor to the very rich; from the ignorant and naïve, to the comfortable and well-educated. Never so true as in this huge majority is Catholicism a sensuous religion suffused with ceremonies, rituals, holy objects, ornament. It's all wound up with being folksy, being festive, all the way up to being cultish. It's being Pinoy, I guess, lying deep in our culture and history.

Even the city sophisticate will watch, agape, the procession of the Holy Week *carrosas* in Paete, and feel once again the stirrings of faith that sank into his soul once and forever, long ago in his childhood. Try shaking that faith that alighted magically amid burning candles, tolling bells, scapulars and rosaries, incense and monstrance!

It birthed a religion steeped in devotions to saints, to angels, to Mary, to the Sto. Niño or to the Sto. Sepulchro, such that veneration before their opulent images borders this side of idolatry! An apparition in Agoo? A shower of roses? A sacred relic in town? Devotees will rush to the site and they will believe with great simplicity and total trust.

In like manner do they regard the bishops and priests above them as persons who can do no wrong. Authority resides in them. Rich and poor accept it and what traditionally flowed from it—wealth, power and trappings that accompany these. In fact a lot of people don't mind some marks of royalty in their hierarchy. As for shortcomings, the faithful have long looked the other way at the "Rosarios" and "Gracias." Even now, some of the meekest are still scolded as *paganos*. It's the prevailing culture of acquiescence and that's not considered stifling; that's the way things are: "we are there to support our priests." The faithful are grateful for the good that they do.

It follows that the Church nurtures this vast majority with more of what the latter seems to want. Shallow faith? Deep faith? Who knows? For most Filipinos, Catholicism is very much a culture and culture is quite indelible.

There is a second, much smaller group. They will, with steadfast allegiance, believe Church dogmas and profound mysteries on sheer faith like the rest. But they will not make dogmas out of every exhortation or pronouncement. They will ask questions on matters that can be discussed, like finances, governing and evangelizing styles, excessive pious practices, attitudes, orientations and mind-sets that can stand some ventilation. They would welcome an update on Vatican II; dialogue and reconciliation with science, technology, morality; a restudy perhaps of countless rules and regulations (Canon Law has 1752), that can, believe it or not, change or have actually been changed.

They are not inclined to "surrender their intellect" on matters that cannot be so easily dismissed by pat declarations of right-wrong, moral-immoral, black-white. Theirs is a "faith seeking understanding." They would take responsibility for their own spirituality, seeking a more liberating and less encumbered Church.

There's a small critical mass out there: lay persons, priest and nuns, hidden in the woodwork, silenced by fear, says one, from saying what they think; or by helplessness, says another, because "nothing will come of it anyway." That I, for example, should be praised for my "courage"(!) "for saying what we cannot say" beats me. Thank you, but shouldn't that be ordinary?

Is it true that those who wish to speak out keep quiet for fear of being "called to the principal's office" because the inquisitorial zeal of the Church still burns? On the other hand, is it true that the hierarchy harbors "fear of their increasingly educated and independently minded flock"? The fear may be mutual, but what a waste, for together, what can dialogue not do!

Somebody observed that Filipinos can relate upwards (i.e., obsequious), and downwards (i.e., feudalistic), but not sidewise (i.e., democratic). Without diminishing respect, it is this peer relationship in a working democracy that this critical mass seeks. Obviously peer discussion is more fruitful and enriching than an "Opo-Father" relationship.

And brought to our shores in the recent past, is a pious, powerful and wealthy bloc that would recast us in the medieval mold of the Church in Latin splendor, and to whom Vatican II "never happened." Its spirit is captured by that TV channel that we chance upon in search of a good movie. Invariably the cameras pan across gleaming sacred vessels, gilt altars, stained glass, statuary, solemn celebrants in rich vestments and very reverend silver-haired worshippers; while in the background hovers the sound of sacred music.

There are more mansions, big and small—more next time. Meanwhile, who will be the pinch of salt, the spoonful of leaven, the one lighted candle for this beloved and beleaguered Church; or can we all put our act together?

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Our Austen season

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IT'S been "Jane Austen Season" the past few weeks in our home, or at least for the women in the family. And the funny thing is that much of it arose out of accident or coincidence, serendipitous in the extreme.

The season opened when my daughter brought home a borrowed threadbare paperback copy of "Pride and Prejudice," which she had long wanted to read after finishing "Sense and Sensibility," a copy of which she bought right after watching the movie.

"She's so funny, Mom," she explained when I asked why she seemed so fond of an English woman novelist who lived in 18th century England. "She's so cynical and ironic about love, but the plots of her books are so *kilig*."

Then, a few days later, we paid a visit to my sister Neneng and she showed off a boxed VCD set of the BBC mini-series of "Pride and Prejudice," a *pasalubong* from Hong Kong from a family friend. Asked if we wanted to watch it first, we jumped at the offer.

Eagerly, we set a schedule for sitting through all six discs, an exercise that took all of three nights. We were interrupted now and then by the slumbering hubby who has no patience for dialogue-filled movies with costumed characters speaking in an English accent. Many times, he would be shaken awake by our loud laughter, and when he'd complain, my daughter and I would shush each other, only to get carried away again by another hilarious scene or bit of dialogue. Not unlike poor Mr. Bennet much put-upon by his wife given to nervous attacks and daughters prone to bouts of silliness.

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"PRIDE and Prejudice" is such a delight, maybe that's why the boxed set of the BBC mini-series is so difficult to source. Jennifer Ehle, last seen as a Victorian poet in the movie "Possession," conveys Elizabeth Bennet's irrepressible spirit through her sparkling eyes, dancing with barely contained mischief and fire. Colin Firth so embodies Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy's smoldering passion held at bay by convention and reticence that it's hard to picture him in any other role.

I remember reading in a foreign magazine how Firth managed to attain sex symbol status in this TV movie, even if he was playing a proper country gentleman in a classic novel. Women viewers, the article said, collectively held their breaths as Darcy emerged from a pond in Pemberley, clad only in his long underpants and undershirt, the flimsy fabric clinging and delineating his body. My daughter and I chuckled with glee (and yes, *kilig*) as we beheld Lizzy taking in Darcy's damp form.

In this age when movie and TV characters are apt to jump in bed, tearing off each other's clothes even before the first date is over, "Pride and Prejudice" can be quite dreary, as the suppressed passions of its leads takes nearly forever to find fulfillment. But even if, as I told my daughter exasperatedly, that "I could just slap those two," the exploration of romance through word play and barbed exchanges is fascinating and amusing.

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JANE Austen, it turns out, was not a "mere" romance novelist but a social chronicler and early feminist critic. Her women characters must live under the injustice of traditional law that deemed women, even wives and daughters, unfit to inherit property. Thus, Mrs. Bennet and her five daughters live in fear of crusty Mr. Bennet's dying before all the girls are gainfully married, since their estate will fall to the hands of the unctuous Mr. Collins, the son of a distant cousin, and they will be left homeless.

Getting all five young women married off to men of substance thus becomes Mrs. Bennet's obsession and burden. But since they are of fairly humble means and have no wealthy relatives to properly introduce them to society, Elizabeth and her sisters face the unsavory prospect of aging into genteel poverty.

Women these days need not wait for their fathers to pay court to a wealthy neighbor before they can socialize, but it's still a woman's fate to wait while men determine her fate. Social mores have loosened somewhat, but in many ways, a woman who is "forward" risks not just opprobrium but contempt and even pity. What? Is she so undesirable that she must take matters into her own hands?

Maybe that's why Austen's novels resonate with women to this day.

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DROPPING by the British Council library to borrow books and videos, I spot a delightful find—a book called "Letters from Pemberley, The First Year"—an imagined sequel to "Pride and Prejudice" consisting of letters from Elizabeth to her beloved sister Jane. Culled from Austen's actual letters and passages and characters in her other novels, "Letters from Pemberley" was written by Jane Dawkins, an American Austen devotee.

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MA'M Asuncion, are you not going to write any more articles on Church reforms?

Well, Ramon, the topic is often on my mind, except that other matters require attention too. This time, let's focus on the local Church. Would Church reform prosper here?

Filipino Catholics are not homogenous. There are many mansions. The biggest one cuts across economic classes—from the teeming poor to the very rich; from the ignorant and naïve, to the comfortable and well-educated. Never so true as in this huge majority is Catholicism a sensuous religion suffused with ceremonies, rituals, holy objects, ornament. It's all wound up with being folksy, being festive, all the way up to being cultish. It's being Pinoy, I guess, lying deep in our culture and history.

Even the city sophisticate will watch, agape, the procession of the Holy Week *carrosas* in Paete, and feel once again the stirrings of faith that sank into his soul once and forever, long ago in his childhood. Try shaking that faith that alighted magically amid burning candles, tolling bells, scapulars and rosaries, incense and monstrance!

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It follows that the Church nurtures this vast majority with more of what the latter seems to want. Shallow faith? Deep faith? Who knows? For most Filipinos, Catholicism is very much a culture and culture is quite indelible.

There is a second, much smaller group. They will, with steadfast allegiance, believe Church dogmas and profound mysteries on sheer faith like the rest. But they will not make dogmas out of every exhortation or pronouncement. They will ask questions on matters that can be discussed, like finances, governing and evangelizing styles, excessive pious practices, attitudes, orientations and mind-sets that can stand some ventilation. They would welcome an update on Vatican II; dialogue and reconciliation with science, technology, morality; a restudy perhaps of countless rules and regulations (Canon Law has 1752), that can, believe it or not, change or have actually been changed.

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Is it true that those who wish to speak out keep quiet for fear of being "called to the principal's office" because the inquisitorial zeal of the Church still burns? On the other hand, is it true that the hierarchy harbors "fear of their increasingly educated and independently minded flock"? The fear may be mutual, but what a waste, for together, what can dialogue not do!

Somebody observed that Filipinos can relate upwards (i.e., obsequious), and downwards (i.e., feudalistic), but not sidewise (i.e., democratic). Without diminishing respect, it is this peer relationship in a working democracy that this critical mass seeks. Obviously peer discussion is more fruitful and enriching than an "Opo-Father" relationship.

And brought to our shores in the recent past, is a pious, powerful and wealthy bloc that would recast us in the medieval mold of the Church in Latin splendor, and to whom Vatican II "never happened." Its spirit is captured by that TV channel that we chance upon in search of a good movie. Invariably the cameras pan across gleaming sacred vessels, gilt altars, stained glass, statuary, solemn celebrants in rich vestments and very reverend silver-haired worshippers; while in the background hovers the sound of sacred music.

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The season opened when my daughter brought home a borrowed threadbare paperback copy of "Pride and Prejudice," which she had long wanted to read after finishing "Sense and Sensibility," a copy of which she bought right after watching the movie.

"She's so funny, Mom," she explained when I asked why she seemed so fond of an English woman novelist who lived in 18th century England. "She's so cynical and ironic about love, but the plots of her books are so *kilig*."

Then, a few days later, we paid a visit to my sister Neneng and she showed off a boxed VCD set of the BBC mini-series of "Pride and Prejudice," a *pasalubong* from Hong Kong from a family friend. Asked if we wanted to watch it first, we jumped at the offer.

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Does big business shape youth culture?

PERVASIVE is the influence of big business on the youth. It influences the decisions of young people on what clothes to wear, on what food to eat, on what music to listen to, on what movies to watch, or on what cell phones to use.

Big business even influences how the youth see the world. It has to because it is engaged in the selling goods and services. And the youth are the most numerous among consumers.

It comes as no surprise that big business spends millions of pesos to find out how certain products can answer the needs of consumers.

Big business does more than that. It senses what is happening in youth culture and cashes in on it. It creates trends and brings the subculture of small communities to the larger arena of consumer culture through advertising.

But only a small segment of the Filipino youth, those belonging to the moneyed class, can afford the "in" gizmos and services on the market. The majority of the youth, the *jologs*, are too poor to attain the ideal youth lifestyle that advertisers promote.

Nevertheless, so powerful is the impact of advertising that the *jologs* pine for the goods that usually embody western youth culture. Lacking the purchasing power of the non-*jologs*, they settle for "cheap" versions of what's "cool."

'Companies create needs'

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PICTURE texting without the cellphone, the ringtones, and the picture messages. Picture sound tripping without the CDs, the tapes, and the MP3 players. Picture *kikay* culture without the lipstick, the nail polish, and the fruity cologne. Picture hip-hop without the get up. You can't, can you? In this age, when seemingly style is everything, much of youth culture can't go without gadgets. This goes well for big business, because this presents opportunities for profit.

Business, always sensitive to the needs of the market, is always on the look out for new trends among the youth. When psychedelic music and the hippie lifestyle caught steam in the 1960s, record companies signed up hordes of rock bands, and with the help of publicity catapulted these groups into stardom. Along with this came the retail of "in" clothes - bell-bottoms, tie-dyes - and other merchandise.

Indeed, business senses what is happening in youth culture and cashes in on this. But business does not merely respond to these happenings. Rather, it creates trends and transports the subcultures of small communities into the larger arena of consumer culture. For this task, advertisement is a powerful tool. Print ads and TV commercials use teen idols and even rock stars as product models. Ads display the attitudes pinned to the bosom of youth -- be it independence, or angst, or indifference.

Media create and reinforce a subculture's reputation. So for many young people in the 60s, the hippie clothing and lifestyle became the essence of cool.

Media promotion has worked well in the Philippines. Multinational record companies and television networks brought to the country punk, rasta, hip-hop, and most recently, hard core. Now, foreign hard core groups and their local counterparts invade the airwaves, unleashing a demand for records and apparel that can lend Filipino kids the "hard core" look.

Hip-hop

The same goes for hip-hop, although here there are no black ghettoes. Punk, with its working class themes, is here confined to the local middle class, which has access to this western youth culture. But such profit-making is not limited to the college-educated market. Through the pervasiveness of media, much of these styles affect the lower classes, the *jologs*, and they also pine for the goods that embody these western youth cultures.

Companies create needs - a simple ring tone is not enough, you just got to have those Eminem tunes, and having an old cellphone, when new models are cropping up here and there, kinda hurts. A computer game company puts out a new version of a war game and the boys ache to have it. Of course, one can't ignore the pleasure that young people derive from these products. After all, these products can hold a special value or meaning to the consumer.

One cannot simplistically say that big business has total control over the making of youth culture. But companies certainly play a significant role in the propagation of most youth cultures and in making them appeal to almost every young person. They rake in profits for this.

'We spot certain trends early on'

By Emily Abrera
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WE ask the question because to be a creator of advertising is a serious responsibility. At almost every youth forum on the topic which I've participated in for the past 20 years, inevitably a cherubic arm shoots up from somewhere in the auditorium and a young person asks, "Doesn't advertising make people want to have things that they don't really need?"

I shall respond to the question by making four observations.

1. Today, media have become part of culture. They are pervasive, they are consumed regularly, they have taken on many new forms, and that's partially because the media are powered by information technology. But the most consumed medium continues to be television...and perhaps it's also fair to say that insofar as television is concerned, MTV is the most popularly watched program by the youth.

Now advertising is part of media. And so we may say that advertising has become part of everyday culture.

It has been observed by some sociologists that the media are so imbedded in today's cultures that the youth do not watch television to be entertained or to be informed but watch it for cues on how they are all supposed to behave. Think about that for a minute: what we call "reality TV" is therefore a recording of people mimicking in real life what they see on TV. Somewhat like a cat chasing its own tail.

2. The nature of advertising has also changed. It's no longer there just to inform, Because so many parity products give people so many choices, and today's young consumers know so much, brand differentiation has become so much more dependent on style and entertainment value.

Yes, ads are expected to be entertaining. Is it because programs no longer do that? Consumers expect ads to entertain them. Marketers expect ads to sell products. The Church would like ads to impart good values. Thankfully, these are not mutually exclusive.

3. Advertising has become so entwined with mass media in general that the lines have become blurred between itself and content. Advertising has expanded its turf. Aside from mass media, we now have experiential marketing, events, direct mail, PR, online communications, not to mention the myriad forms of interactive promotions that are being invented daily to make full use of mobile telephony.

Brand messages have become part of program content, sometimes subtly and sometimes not so subtly; bookend messages have been devised from excerpts of programs; there are entire programs built around brands (interactive game shows); and the same sort of blurring can be found in print media. The lifestyle pages are full of semi-sponsored reportage or fully sponsored fashion spreads.

Does it bother you that advertising has stealthily crept into content? Or has convergence made it inevitable? And how should we deal with it?

4. Life today is infinitely more complicated than it used to be 10 years ago. There are more things we feel we need to accomplish, more aspects of ourselves we wish to develop, more places we want to visit, more activities we want to squeeze into a day. The way we go about creating a fulfilled life for ourselves is also different...we are multi-tasked and pressured to achieve more while staying happy and looking beautiful through it all.

We have to accept that our needs and priorities have changed.

Psyche

It's our job as advertisers to dig deep into the human psyche to try to uncover and understand what these needs are. Our clients, and we, their agencies, spend millions in research to find out what makes people behave the way they do, and how certain products can answer their needs.

We also do media research to understand the nature of consumers' relationships with media so that we can use media more intelligently as we build brands.

Precisely because life is complicated, it's not easy to see the underlying connections but because it's our job to do that, we tend to spot certain trends early on.

We become good at predicting what phrase may catch on, what clothing kids want to wear, what music they want to hear more of, where they want to hang out, what gadgets, services, flavors, sizes, packages, colors and various other permutations of advertised products they will gravitate to at any given time. And out of this information, we create strategies and produce advertising.

Is it any wonder that advertising often works? It shouldn't be because it is so well-prepared. It has to be well prepared because it costs a lot of money to advertise, and marketers don't have the luxury of making too many mistakes. A hundred times more attention and money is spent on producing each second of a television ad than on regular programming. That's why if they're good ads, they have a better chance of attracting the attention of viewers.

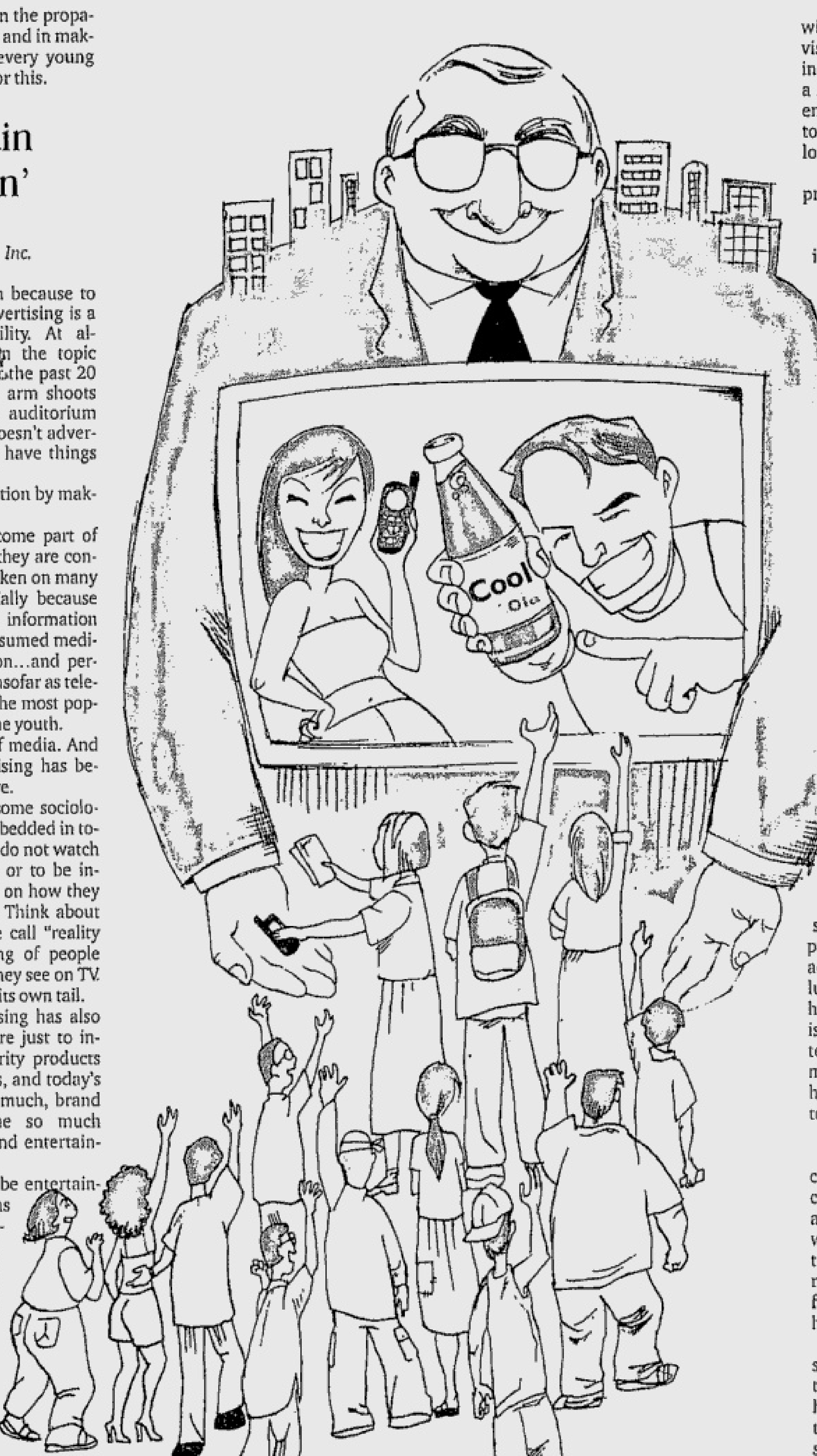
Brands

Let's ask the question again, "Is youth culture being created by advertising?" Because there is so much of it, and because advertisers spend billions to build brands, we may tend to think it does. Personally, I think it used to but with the advent of the remote control, and with the continuing fragmentation of audiences, repetition has lost most of its power.

It's so easy to zap out a boring or offensive or overexposed commercial. The truth is that there are so many ads that hardly get noticed because there is a certain desensitizing effect of too many messages that sound and look alike.

Youth audiences are also hard to reach. You are media-savvy, visually sophisticated, technically inclined, you do too many things at one time so it's hard to keep your attention, you can't be fooled because you know too much, and your tastes are constantly changing.

What we do know is that consumers today are more critical than ever of advertising and demand that it deliver more than just sales. While I can't say that all ads have responded, I think many have. *(Editor's note: Speech delivered at the forum "Generation Why: Identity of the Youth in a Changing Philippines" on Oct. 12)*



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Business senses what is happening in youth culture and cashes in on this

'Jologs are frustrated youthful consumers'

By Bomen Guillermo
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THE ASPECT of that elusive and manifold concept called "youth culture," which has been most influenced by big business, is coupled to the consumption of commodities directly or indirectly oriented toward the so-called "youth market."

This "cultural" influence revolves secondarily around the goods being marketed to the youth and primarily around the "consumerist ethos" and the "habits of consumption" being rigorously inculcated into the young generations of Filipinos by means of media and advertising.

MTV is acknowledged by contemporary observers as the most important single revolutionizing force by which youth cultures are being shaped all over the world. Companies and advertising firms are frantically falling over each other doing market surveys and profiles of the youth market the better to capture it. Perhaps they've even learned to exploit that typical sociological phenomenon among youth called "peer pressure," which makes unwitting agents of corporate products of the youth.

However, the concept of the "youth" as a market segment should not be taken in any monolithic sense, since youths are also members of particular classes, gender, ethnicities, etc. One shouldn't forget that many youths, including child laborers with drastically truncated childhood, are so effectively out of reach of the corporate mechanisms of inculturation that these do not even influence their present aspirations.

The majority of the youth in the Philippines are actually too impoverished to go to school, let alone dream of attaining the "ideal" youth lifestyles continually being broadcast on their televisions, paraded in malls and advertised in the thriving glossy youth magazines. (As one song goes, *patingin-tingin di naman makabili.*)

The development of segmentation in the youth market represented by the expensive, "genuine" youth commodities on the one hand and by their cheap and "fake" versions on the other has given rise to the term *jologs* to refer to the second type of youth consumer. The seductive images of physical beauty, "coolness," "individual expression" and "youthful rebellion" constantly being dangled before them are also constantly being denied them by the reality of the price tag.

The *jologs* are nothing but frustrated youthful consumers stuck with the second-rate goods, which are tragically all they can afford. They can't be really cool because they can't afford cool clothes, cool things and hanging out where it's really cool. They can't even "rebel with style" because the "style" just costs too much.

The only difference between the *jologs* and the non-*jologs* is that the latter are fulfilled and gregarious consumers either as students with hefty school allowances or as yuppies enjoying childhood into their 40s. There is no doubt that the culture of the youth is being shaped by corporations and the consumerist imperative.

The main thing to ask is whether this consumerist ethos and the plethora of goods surrounding it are indeed becoming the central and dominant aspects of "youth culture" in the Philippines. And if these are indeed dominant, is youthful consumerism destroying non-commodified forms of youthful creative expression? Is it blunting the ability of the youth to criticize the world they live in in which war and want are constant realities for the vast majority?

Is the rampant US-oriented consumerist individualism destroying the basis for future forms of communal socialization and impulses for collective action toward addressing the contemporary social problems, which the youth will inevitably have to face?

Only powerful cultural counter-currents and the intrusive and unavoidable "too-real-to-be-cool" world they live in can work against these disastrous trends.

UN to Iraq: Disarm or face 'serious consequences'

UNITED NATIONS—The UN Security Council unanimously approved a tough resolution on Friday giving Iraqi President Saddam Hussein one last chance to disarm or face "serious consequences" that would certainly lead to war.

Even Iraq's Arab neighbor Syria, which had opposed the resolution, joined council members for the 15-0 vote, a victory for President George W. Bush, who had challenged the United Nations to disarm Iraq.

"The outcome of the current crisis is already determined. The full disarmament of weapons of mass destruction will occur. The only question for the Iraqi regime is to decide how," Bush said in the White House Rose Garden.

"If we are to avert war, all nations must continue to pressure Saddam Hussein to accept this resolution and to comply with his obligations," Bush said.

The resolution, number 1441, co-sponsored by the United States and Britain, came after two months of arduous negotiations. France and others persuaded Washington to tone down its demands, drop an explicit right to use force unilaterally and a call to send troops on inspections.

While the resolution gives the Security Council a central role before any possible attack it does not force the United States to seek council authorization for war.

Iraq now has a week to accept the resolution that gives arms inspectors sweeping new rights and 30 days to submit a detailed, massive declaration of its weapons of mass destruction and related items used in civilian industries.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan started the seven-day clock running by sending Iraq's UN mission an official notice of the resolution at 10:55 a.m.

Chief UN weapons inspector, Hans Blix, said he and an advance team would be in Baghdad on Nov. 18 after a four-year absence. This group will set up logistics for the inspectors, who are expected to arrive about Nov. 25.

"We are pleased the resolution was adopted with unanimity. That strengthens our mandate very much," Blix said.

The inspectors have up to 45 days to begin work, and must report to the council 60 days later on Iraq's cooperation. But they are obligated to report serious violations before then.

Iraq had no immediate response on whether it would accept the resolution. Its UN ambassador, Mohamed Aldouri, said the vote reflected "the will of the United States on the rest of the world." He said he was "pessimistic" the inspectors would ever be allowed to do their work.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair warned Saddam he would face military action if he failed to comply.

"Saddam must now make his choice. My message to him is this. Disarm or you face force," he said in London. "Defy the UN's will and we will disarm you by force." *Reuters*

US says 'zero tolerance' for Iraqi deceptions

WASHINGTON—The administration of President George W. Bush warned Iraq that it will have "zero tolerance" for any attempts to thwart UN weapons inspections, as the Pentagon prepared for fresh troop call-ups and a possible invasion to topple Saddam Hussein.

The Pentagon, quietly gearing up for war, already has tens of thousands of troops in the region as well as hundreds of planes and other military equipment. Two aircraft carrier battle groups are within striking distance of Iraq, and two more are heading to the region.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said late Friday that the United States would "keep the pressure up" on Iraq and continue its war preparations and its air patrols of the northern and southern no-fly zones over Iraq.

"The minute that Saddam Hussein and his small ruling clique sense that they're out of danger, I suspect that they'll have no further incentive to cooperate, and any UN inspection and disarmament efforts could then fail," Rumsfeld said at a rare evening news conference at the Pentagon with German Defense Minister Peter Struck.

Rumsfeld also suggested—without saying so outright—that further Iraqi firing on the US air patrols might be considered a violation of the latest UN resolution.

"Iraq ought not to take or threaten hostile action against inspectors or coalition aircraft upholding UN inspections," Rumsfeld said. But he later refused to say if he meant that statement as a warning to Iraq not to fire on the no-fly-zone patrols. He said plans for any help by US military aircraft to the UN inspection teams had not been worked out. *AP*

Delegates begin choosing China's next leaders

BEIJING—A day after President Jiang Zemin outlined his blueprint for China's future, Communist Party delegates sequestered themselves Saturday to tackle their most important task—choosing the leaders who will guide the world's most populous country through coming decades of change.

More than 2,000 delegates from across China have descended on the capital for the party congress, a weeklong gathering held every five years. As the congress entered its second day, most delegates disappeared from public view as closed-door meetings began.

The top issue: choosing new members of the party's Central Committee.

"Talks are under way now about personnel changes," said Tan Li, a delegate from the southwestern province of Sichuan. "It's going to take some time. It's not easy."

The committee, which now has 193 members, will in turn appoint the elite Politburo and its inner sanctum, the all-powerful Standing Committee. All but one of the seven current committee members are expected to retire.

The Central Committee will also anoint the successor of Jiang, who is expected to step down as party general secretary, China's most powerful job, at the end of this congress. He is also expected to resign as president in March after sealing his legacy—inviting entrepreneurs to join the party.

The party is expected to usher in a new generation of leaders, many in their 50s, to replace Jiang, 76, and his contemporaries. The wide favorite to replace him as both party secretary and president is the 59-year-old vice president, Hu Jintao.

The leadership change will be the first orderly turnover of power in the history of the party, which took over China in 1949. Deng Xiaoping put his opponents on trial after Mao Zedong's 1976 death, and Jiang rose in the chaotic aftermath of the bloody 1989 Tiananmen crackdown.

Hu and other younger leaders will likely stick to what the party calls "socialism with Chinese characteristics"—a hybrid of central planning and private industry that has lifted living standards but left tens of millions unemployed. *AP*

Last fugitive member of SLA arrested

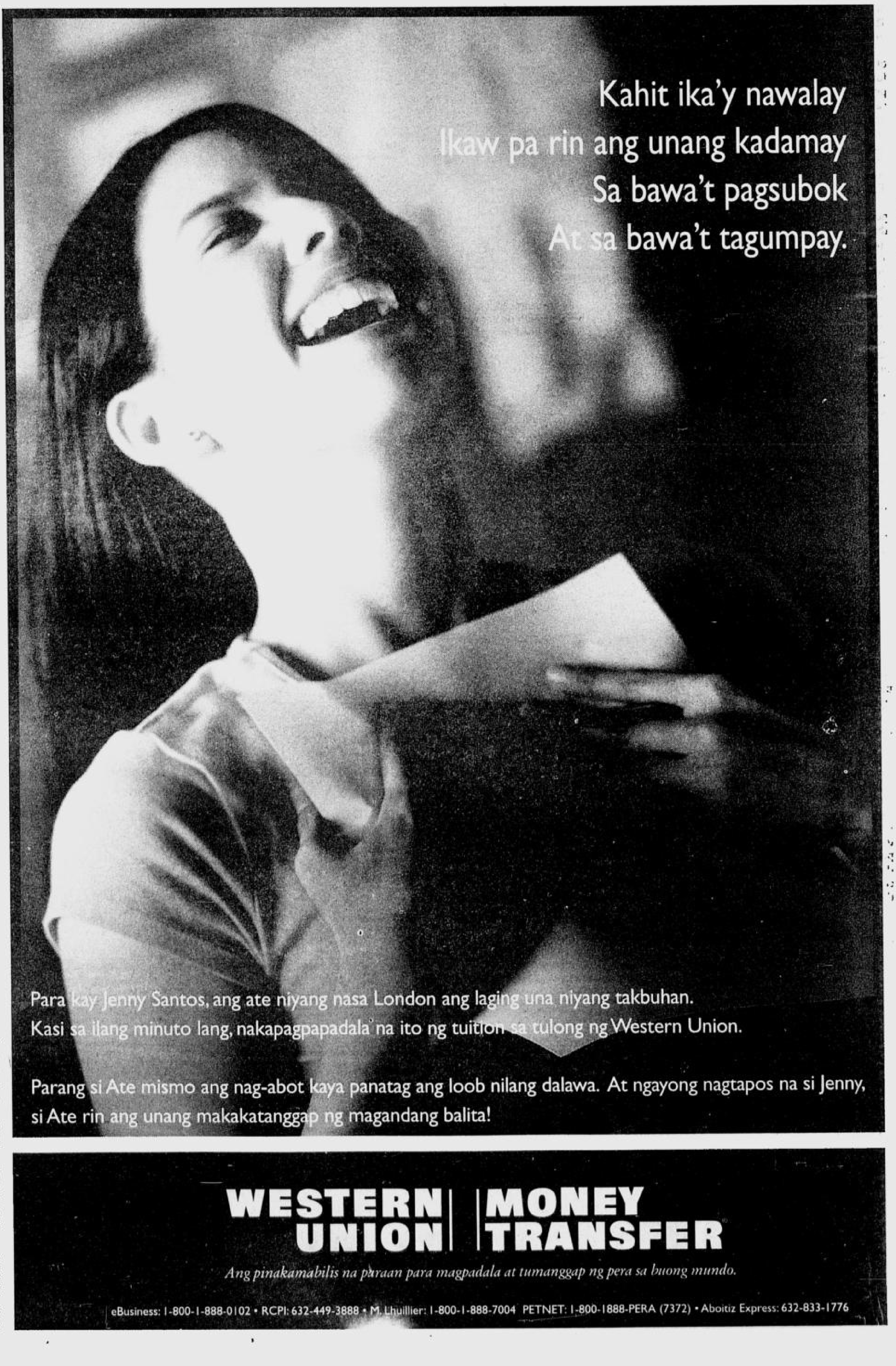
LOS ANGELES—James Kilgore, the last fugitive member of the Symbionese Liberation Army, the rag-tag radical group that kidnapped heiress Patricia Hearst in 1974, was captured in South Africa on Friday, where he was living in an upscale suburb and teaching English at a university.

Kilgore, who had been on the run for 27 years and was living under the name Charles William Pape since at least the early 1990s, was taken into custody by South African police at the Cape Town home he shared with his wife and two children, FBI spokesperson Mark Mershon said.

Mershon said Kilgore, 55, admitted his true identity when confronted by officers and did not resist arrest.

Authorities nabbed Kilgore one day after four of his former SLA compatriots pleaded guilty to second degree murder for the shooting death of a 42-year-old woman as they robbed a bank in Carmichael, California for money to fund their operations.

William Harris, Emily Harris Montague, Michael Bortin and Sara Jane Olson pleaded guilty on Thursday as part of a deal that called for jail terms of six to eight years, sparing them a murder trial that could have meant life in prison. *Reuters*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Diana desperate to save royal marriage—butler

LONDON—Princess Diana was desperate to save her marriage to Prince Charles but it was torpedoed by feuding factions, her former butler said on Saturday.

Paul Burrell, giving his latest tabloid glimpse behind palace walls, said the blighted royal couple never had a chance—everyone from the prime minister to the archbishop of Canterbury interfered in their crumbling marriage.

"Diana never wanted a divorce. It was thrust upon her. She tried so hard for it not to happen," Burrell said in the latest "What The Butler Said" revelations in the Daily Mirror.

"In the end, her marriage was taken away from her. She was only a passenger. Everyone was interfering—(the then) Prime Minister John Major and the Archbishop of Canterbury (George Carey) and other people who thought they knew best.

"They all came to see her with their different agendas. No marriage could survive that level of interference," he said.

Five years after her death in a Paris car crash, the ghost of Princess Diana still haunts the House of Windsor.

Burrell has been front-page news in the royalty-obsessed tabloids for a week after his trial on charges of stealing Diana's belongings dramatically collapsed.

The 44-year-old butler was cleared of stealing more than 300 personal items belonging to Diana when Queen Elizabeth suddenly remembered he had told her he was holding them for safekeeping.

Burrell, who Diana called "My rock," has been locked in a battle of words with Diana's family, saying the Spencers were jealous, hypocritical and foul-mouthed.

Diana's marriage to the British heir to the throne collapsed amid recriminations and admissions of adultery on both sides. *Reuters*

Police can reconstruct details of Bali bombing, says official

JAKARTA—Police investigating the Bali bombing have been able to roughly reconstruct the planning of the attack after questioning a suspect who admitted to helping make the bomb, an Indonesian officer said Saturday.

"We are now more focused in our investigation because we have now been able to make a rough reconstruction of the bombing's planning," spokesperson Edward Aritonang said.

Aritonang said investigators were looking for "several" accomplices of Amrozi, who has allegedly admitted helping to build the bomb that killed nearly 200 people on Oct. 12 when it destroyed two Kuta nightclubs popular with foreign tourists.

The head of the multinational investigation team, I Made Mangku Pastika, said Friday that Amrozi admitted trying to "kill as many Americans as possible" in revenge for perceived US oppression of Muslims.

Pastika, speaking from the Philippines, said police were hunting at least five of Amrozi's accomplices.

Aritonang refused to confirm media reports Saturday that police were hunting two of Amrozi's brothers, identified as Ghufron and Ali Imron, believed to have been in Bali during the attack.

"I'm not saying that but we are chasing several people," he said.

The Media Indonesia daily, quoting an unnnamed police source, said Ghufron and Imron had fled before Amrozi was arrested Tuesday at his home in a remote village in East Java province.

"We were ready to nab those people but only Amrozi was at home," the police source told the daily.

Aritonang said Friday that police suspected the bomb used in the attack was assembled not far from the scene because the device was apparently equipped with a timer with a short time interval.

Investigators on Saturday questioned witness Muhammad Zakaria, the principal of a boarding school founded by another of Amrozi's brothers, and Sylvester Tendean, the owner of a chemical shop where Amrozi had allegedly bought chemical substances used in building the bomb.

Zakaria on Friday described Amrozi as a sociable person who held a moderate view of Islam.

He said that Amrozi was an amateur mechanic who runs a motorbike repair workshop at his home in East Java and sometimes sells used cars or cellphones to make a living.

Defense Minister Matori Abdul Jalil, however, described Amrozi as a member of the Jemaah Islamiah regional terror network and said the bombing was "obviously linked" to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. He did not elaborate.

Pastika said authorities had yet to make such a connection, while acknowledging that Amrozi had admitted having met Indonesian cleric Abu Bakar Bashir and another Indonesian called Riduan Isamuddin, alias Hambali.

Singapore and Malaysia say Bashir, in police custody in Jakarta as a suspect in a string of attacks in Indonesia in 2000, is JI's spiritual leader. Hambali, who is on the run, is believed to be its operations chief.

Bashir, who has denied terror links, has not been named as a suspect in the Bali bombing. *AFP*

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Once again, the Digital LG Quiz has finished another successful run. Since its inception in 1999, the Digital LG Quiz has celebrated the outstanding abilities of the Filipino youth. To date, LG Electronics has given around 10 million pesos in scholarship funds and prizes to the student winners of the Digital LG Quiz.

Working closely with Alta Productions, LG Electronics has effectively sustained the Digital LG Quiz for the past three years, bringing in contenders from across Luzon to compete in a battle of the brightest young minds today. There are hopes of expanding this quiz show to include equally bright students from other parts of the Philippines.

An institution in the making

In the last quarter of 1999, LG Electronics launched the Digital LG Quiz. At the helm are show hosts Paolo Bediones and Regine Tolentino— equally gifted individuals that have excelled in their own respective fields. The show's format was a first-of-its-kind with original and playful segments that creatively integrated different school subjects such as Math, English, History, Current Events, Science, and the like in one masterfully orchestrated show.

It is also the first game show in the country to incorporate the use of high-tech visual displays and innovative computer graphics, bringing the game show experience to a higher level of playing and learning.

The Digital LG Quiz: Award-winner

The Digital LG Quiz has been a consistent nominee for Best Game Show at the prestigious Star Awards for Television for the past 3 years. In fact, the show garnered a double victory in 2001 when it won in the Best Game Show and Best Game Show Host categories, beating foreign licensed contenders such as the Weakest Link and Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.

The accolades for the Digital LG Quiz didn't stop there. For two consecutive years, The Southeast Asian Foundation for Children's Television (SEAFCTV) has awarded it the Anak TV Seal. A "Peoples Choice for Family Friendly, TV Programs," the seal is awarded to TV shows judged worthy of support by Filipino families and of patronage by the education, business and religious sectors. This award recognizes the show for its invaluable contribution to wholesome and educational TV viewing by providing the young people with a TV show that not only enriches their lives but inspires them as well.

From quiz winners to winning students

After their success in the Digital LG Quiz, its winners are now enjoying the fruits of their hard work and diligent study. Take for example Bryan Lagason and Andrew John Lena, both Grand Prize Winners of the year 2000 and 2001 respectively. They are currently enrolled and taking up their bachelor degrees at the University of the Philippines.

The Digital LG Quiz recently launched the LG Circle of Wizards— comprised of quarterly winners that are truly the show's crème de la crème. Its newest member is this year's Grand Champion, Laurence Lloyd Parial, from the University of Science and Technology in Nueva Ecija, who won for himself a total of 1.3 million pesos in scholarship funds and prizes courtesy of LG Electronics.

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Benguet townfolk resist water project

By **Maurice Malanes**, *PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAGUIO CITY—The upland town of Bakun in Benguet, the country's first Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title holder, now faces its first acid test: a Cebu-based company's application of a water permit for a hydro power project in the water-rich town.

The water permit application of the Luzon Hydro Power Corp. over water resources in Bakun sent on Nov. 8 their affidavit of protest, along with a required P2,000 protest fee, to the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) in Quezon City.

If approved, the water permit would allow the firm to build a water project involving a proposed 10-kilometer underground diversion tunnel in Barangay Dalipey crossing underneath neighboring Barangay Sinacbat.

The firm seeks to use the diverted water for a commercial hydro power project.

Most community folk have protested the proposed tunnel construction. But some quarters, led by a former mayor, have supported the project.

Noting the petition and protest of the majority and other unresolved issues, the Bakun town council last July did not endorse the firm's proposed water project.

But unknown to residents and town officials, the corporation applied for a permit over the water resources in the area amid unresolved issues that community folk raised such as the possible loss of domestic and irrigation water.

In his protest affidavit, Bakun Mayor Bartolome Sacla said the firm never informed the municipal government about the water permit application.

Sacla said he learned only about the application after the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Cordillera office informed him recently about a letter from the NWRB.

In its letter, the NWRB advised NCIP Cordillera Regional Director Leilene Carantes-Gallardo to, in turn, advise Bakun officials to contest the application.

3 radiomen nabbed for extortion in Calapan, Davao City

THREE media men were arrested in two separate incidents in Calapan City and Davao City allegedly for extortion.

Joint elements of the Calapan City Police Office, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and the National Bureau of Investigation on Thursday arrested Nilo Baculo, a columnist of the Pacific Review weekly newspaper and a radio broadcaster of dwAW.

Baculo was allegedly extorting money from a relative-businessman using the name of the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army.

Calapan police head Supt. Alexander Aceveda said Baculo's alleged victim was businessman Florentino Villas, a distant relative.

Baculo, however, denied the allegation and said it was "a frameup." He said his arrest was probably connected with his radio commentaries, as well as the graft and corruption charges he had filed against some big government officials but he did not elaborate.

The alleged NPA letter demanded P150,000 and three armalite rifles.

Until Baculo's arrest, the suspect had sent several extortion letters to rich families in Calapan and his demand ranged from P100,000 to P5 million plus some properties, Aceveda said.

Residents said Baculo is a heavy cockpit gambler.

Baculo is facing grave threat and extortion charges.

In Davao City, police arrested two radio reporters on Friday after a bakery owner in Toril District accused them of extortion. Romy Balinas, 34, of Lobogan, Toril and Manny Marquez, 42, of NHA-Bangkal both reporters of dxRA Radyo Arangkada allegedly demanded P10,000 from Alma Gultiano in exchange for their silence about a "dirty bread" sold in her bakery. ***Madonna S. Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Harassment seen in arrest of Butuan radio exec

BUTUAN CITY—The arrest of the station manager of dxBR Bombo Radio here last week drew condemnation from various sectors denouncing it as plain harassment.

Norberto Pagaspas, a staunch critic of Mayor Daisy Plaza, was arrested on Tuesday last week, after an uncle of the mayor filed a P10-million libel suit against him before the provincial prosecutor's office.

In his complaint, Mariano Plaza said he was forced to file a libel case against Pagaspas and two others because their criticisms against his niece humiliated and slandered him.

"On a daily basis, they uttered slanderous, malicious and baseless remarks against the person and honor of the Plaza family," he said.

Plaza had earlier sued Pagaspas and Bombo for libel and sought the closure of the radio station for alleged violation of local ordinances.

Soon after Pagaspas was arrested, Totsie Licup, president of the PRO (Professional, Responsible and Organized)-Media of Caraga, said the new charges were part of a "calculated" harassment against legitimate media critical of some government officials.

Licup said Pagaspas was not given a chance to counter the charges leveled against him before he was arrested.

"This is a conscious effort to suppress press freedom," Licup said

Bengie Balansag, assistant station manager of Bombo told the INQUIRER that the arrest was totally illegal. He said the fresh charges should have been ignored because the complainant was not the object of the criticisms.

Agusan del Sur assistant provincial prosecutor Victoriano Pag-Ong said he found "probable cause to indict" Pagaspas and two others for libel. *Franklin A. Caliguid, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Abra folk seek end to violence during mayor's burial

BANGUED, Abra—Some 1,000 villagers, mostly Tingguians, cried for justice as they staged a protest rally during the burial of Tineg Mayor Clarence Benwaren on Friday.

About 100 police and military men as well as supporters of Benwaren carried placards calling for an end to political killings in Abra. Some distributed leaflets demanding justice for their fallen leader.

"Abrenians, this is our fight against political killings, corruption and political persecution," a placard said.

Despite the tension gripping this sleepy town, Benwaren's widow Soledad appealed for sobriety and peace.

"We will not seek vengeance and retaliation like what they are saying we will do. Let justice prevail. Our consolation is that he died while inside a church. In his death, he was blessed. Let us not let violence prevail," she said in her eulogy.

"Show your love to each other and don't let hatred and sorrow bring you to destroy each other," she added.

Benwaren was laid to rest at the St. James Gardens here.

The plan to pass the entourage in front of the provincial capitol was scrapped to minimize the tension between the Benwaren family and Gov. Vicente Valera.

Benwaren was Valera's political lieutenant until they parted ways last year. The Benwarens returned the wreath given by Valera which was left on the street. They also refused Valera's offer to bring the body to the capitol.

The rivalry between Benwaren and Vice Mayor Edwin Crisologo, Valera's ally, resulted in at least four deaths this year.

There were three attempts on Benwaren's life this year until his death in Calauan, Laguna, last Oct. 29.

"We should put an end to the vicious cycle of violence," said Bishop Artemio Rillera, the officiating priest, at the Bangued Cathedral.

Residents said Benwaren's funeral was one of the biggest ever in the town. Hundreds of other Bangued residents lined up the streets as the entourage passed by.

Leading the entourage and the last to leave the funeral was King, Benwaren's five-month-old pet dog. *Leoncio Balbin Jr., Desiree Caluza and Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

So the OWWA-Medicare members will know

OVERSEAS Filipino workers (OFWs) and their dependents will enjoy the same Medicare benefits as what they are currently enjoying under the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) once OWWA's Medicare program is integrated with the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP).

This was the assurance made by **Dr. Francisco T. Duque III**, President and CEO of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) in light of public controversy pertaining to the forthcoming transfer of administration of the OWWA-Medicare program to PhilHealth.

"We will maintain the current hospitalization and out-patient benefits that OFWs are currently enjoying under OWWA, including the contribution rate," Duque said. As such, *"...there is no reason why OFWs and their families should fear anything, especially where their Medicare benefits are concerned."*

Republic Act 7875 or the National Health Insurance Act of 1995 calls for PhilHealth to provide universal health insurance coverage to all Filipino citizens. While Executive Order 195 signed on August 13, 1994 called for OWWA to separately administer the program and its funds for OFWs, RA 7875 which was passed thereafter impliedly repealed the authority granted by EO 195 to OWWA to administer the Medicare benefits for OFWs.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) in its Opinion No. 25 dated April 11, 1997, categorically stated that *"... Filipino Overseas Contract Workers who are Medicare members registered with OWWA pursuant to EO 195 are among those to be enrolled in the NHIP now being administered by PhilHealth pursuant to RA 7875."*

OFWs who eventually return for good in the country can continue their PhilHealth coverage through its Individually Paying Program (IPP).

In addition, when they retire at the age of 60 and have made 120 monthly contributions to the NHIP, they can qualify under PhilHealth's Non-Paying Program (NPP) under which they can enjoy their Medicare benefits for life without having to pay any contribution. *"The earlier they become members under the NHIP, the more they are assured of qualifying in the NPP,"* the PhilHealth chief said.

Meanwhile, Duque welcomed the move of Senator Loren Legarda seeking an inquiry into the transfer of the OWWA-Medicare program toPhilHealth. *"The proposed inquiry by Senate Majority Leader Legarda will be a good opportunity for PhilHealth to present its landmark health packages and benefits for the country's OFWs,"* Duque said. *"This will also lay down the merits and advantages of having OFWs covered by PhilHealth,"* he added.

Legarda earlier filed a resolution asking the Senate Committee under Senator Ramon Revilla to inquire on the legislative intent of the law and policies governing the Medicare benefits of millions of Filipinos working abroad.

PhilHealth now has 16 regional offices and 71 service offices nationwide with 1,512 accredited hospitals, 289 rural health units and 17,555 doctors all over the country. *"On top of having increased its benefit package twice and expanded its membership base, PhilHealth has sound financial investment with a remarkable increase in assets by 17 percent since 1999,"* he noted. For the first semester alone, PhilHealth has collected a total of P5.55 billion which represents a 20 percent increase over collection figures for the same period last year.

As of September 30, 2002, PhilHealth has covered at least 40 million beneficiaries, six million of which are under the IPP. Some 20 million are covered under the employed sector, five million under the Indigent Program and almost 30,000 under the NPP.

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Clergymen oppose return of mining in E. Samar

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE BISHOP, priests and deacons of Eastern Samar have issued a formal protest against the decision of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to allow mining operations to resume in Manicani and Homonhon islands off Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

In a Nov. 6 memorandum sent to Environment Secretary Heherson T. Alvarez, eight members of the Diocese of Borongan, Eastern Samar led by Bishop Leonardo Y. Medroso said they protest the lifting of the suspension of mining operations due to the destruction caused by the mining operations on the environment.

"Having witnessed the wanton destruction caused by the said mining operations on the environment of both island parishes, and having heard both sides of the issue in our dialogues with these islands' residents, majority of whom are also our parishioners, we have arrived at a common judgment: The common welfare demands the permanent closure of any and all mining operations in both islands," the memorandum said.

The clergy members claimed that the mining operations by the Hinatuan Mining Corp. headed by Salvador Zamora, younger brother of former Executive Secretary Ronaldo Zamora, on Manicani island left behind huge craters that have "adversely affected" local fishing and threatened to cause flooding in the area.

Heritage Mining Corp. which mines in Homonhon Island, on the other hand, was cited for "illegal, unregulated and unsafe" mining activities.

Manicani is the second largest island in the municipality of Guiuan. Hinatuan started mining in the island for nickel ore in 1992. Nickel is one of the primary minerals used in stainless steel manufacturing.

Hinatuan temporarily ceased operations in 1995 due to falling nickel prices in the world market but it made moves to resume operations in 2000.

"The said mining operations are responsible for siltation that has poisoned large sections of the sea areas in both islands, destroying corals, mangroves and other fish habitats," the memo added.

The open pit mining operation that was suspended early this year after the death of an anti-mining activist left behind craters "the size of a barangay," the clergy added.

The Diocese of Borongan issued the protest letter after the DENR issued an order dated Aug. 5 lifting the suspension order on the mining operations.

Horacio C. Ramos, director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, however, said the DENR has already investigated the mine and found enough evidence of environmental safety and social acceptability to recommend the resumption of mining operations.

Ramos stressed that the lifting was conditional.

Hinatuan was directed to submit a more detailed social development plan and environmental safety measures, he added.

"We have also asked them to determine how much they would give to the community every year as well as a feasibility study to determine whether the mining operation can sustain these commitments," Ramos said.

Hinatuan has yet to complete the detailed reports, which was why it has not yet resumed mining operations despite the order of the DENR allowing the resumption of mining operations, he said.

The INQUIRER tried to get an official statement from Hinatuan Mining Corp. but its lawyers did not return the call despite numerous attempts.

ROUNDUP

Cory leads peace prayer

CALAMBA CITY—Former President Corazon Aquino led about 2,000 students, teachers, civic and religious groups in Laguna during the launching of the "Prayer Power for Peace Campaign 2002" (PPPC) in the diocese of San Pablo on Thursday. The former president launched the campaign at the San Juan de Letran College campus here by personally leading the praying of the Holy Rosary during the gathering which was highlighted by the concelebrated Mass presided by Most Rev. Francisco C. San Diego, DD. "As a multitude of challenges and problems threaten the stability of families and of the entire country, former President Corazon Cojuangco-Aquino urges everyone on the power of prayer to bring about peace," said Fr. Tereso Marciano Campillo, Jr., O.P., chair of the organizing committee of PPPC-Laguna. Main celebrant San Diego said in his homily: "Peace is not the absence of war but the presence of love. Peace starts from the self, then at home, nation and the world. The key to peace is itself love and being responsible."

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Protestant pastor slain

DAVAO CITY—A pastor of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) in Malita, Davao del Sur was shot to death by a lone assailant. Loreto Macalangan, 38, was preparing to officiate a mass in Barangay Upper Ticulon when he was attacked. Churchgoers reported a stocky balding man as a suspect. They said the suspect had talked to the pastor before the shooting occurred. Rev. Socrates Idul, UCCP conference minister for Southern Mindanao District, said Macalangan had no known enemies. But Idul said the victim was very vocal against the establishment of a militia unit in the village. Malita Mayor Franklin Bautista said he already ordered the police to speed up the investigation.

Dennis Jay Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Swiss man nabbed

DAVAO CITY—A 36-year old Swiss national was arrested here on Thursday after allegedly stabbing his six-year-old daughter inside the family house in Landmark I, Sasa District on Wednesday evening. The police arrested Marcel Sherzinger while allegedly trying to flee. Reports reaching the Sasa police said Sherzinger stabbed his daughter after an altercation with his wife Liza. The victim was rushed to the Davao Medical Center where she remained in critical condition. The suspect was still in police custody as of press time as charges were being prepared against him.

Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Red Cross in the red

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) Zamboanga Chapter would be forced to limit its services because of lack of funds, according to Victor Liozo, PNRC administrator here. Records furnished the INQUIRER showed the deficit had reached P659,680. Liozo said the PNRC received about P800,000 from the city government this year but actual spending had reached P3 million. To cover the deficit, he said the PNRC launched fund-raising activities including a beauty contest.

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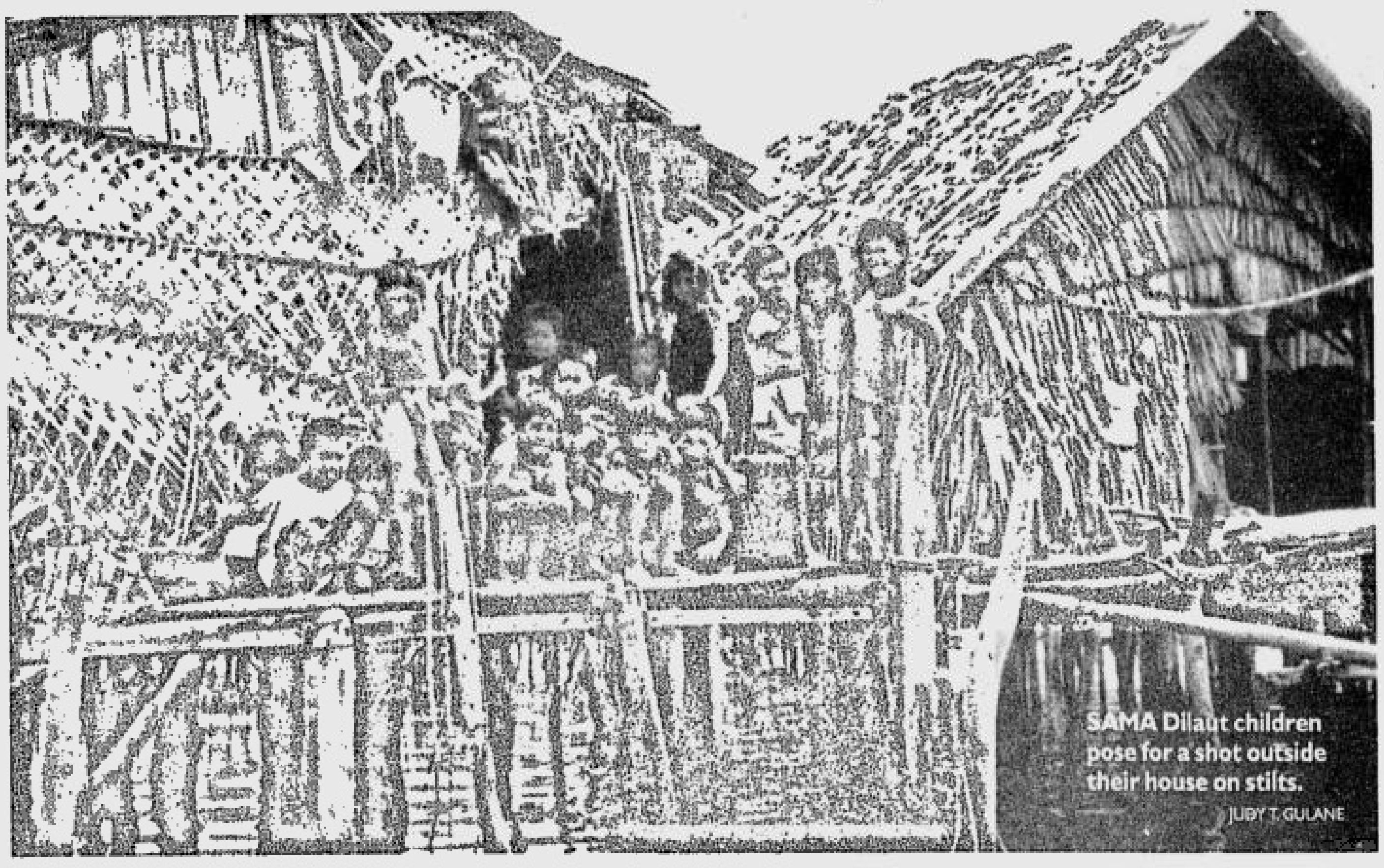
Badjaus see hope from the margins

By Judy T. Gulane
Maluso, Basilan


SAMA Dilaut children pose for a shot outside their house on stilts.
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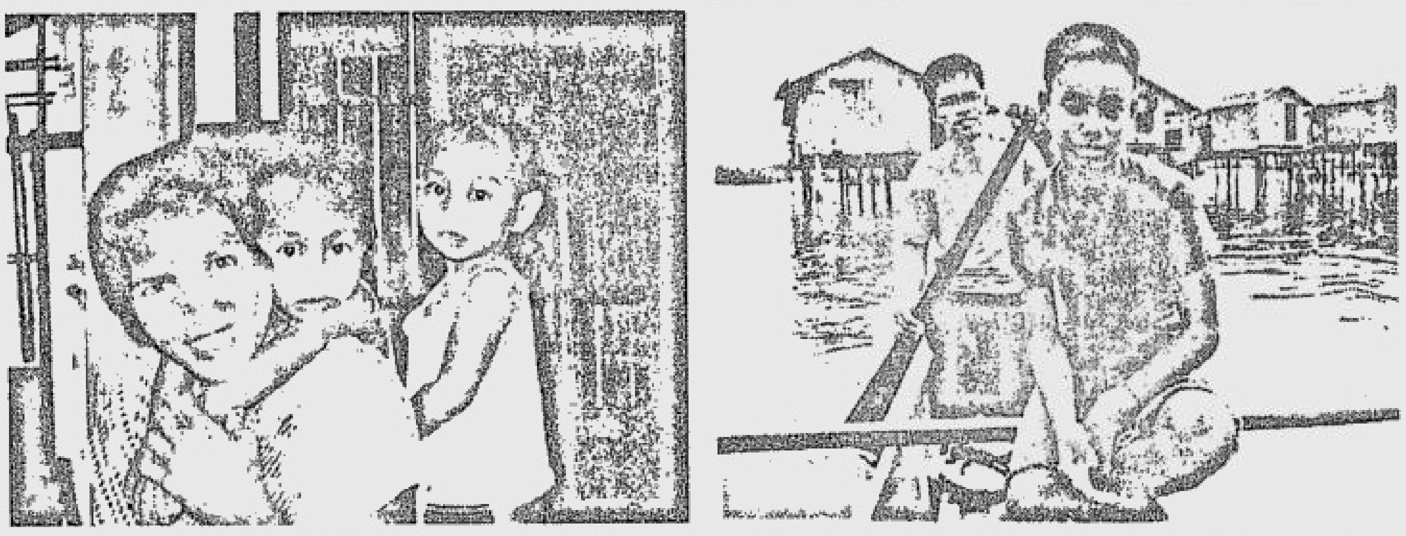

SIBIYA with her two children Juday and Jason (above left). Bro. Arnel Alcober (the man paddling the banca), accompanied by Hasbi (above right), manages a project of the Claretians, to empower the Badjaus in Teheman. Children are fetched by banca every morning and brought to the quay, from where they proceed to school (below).
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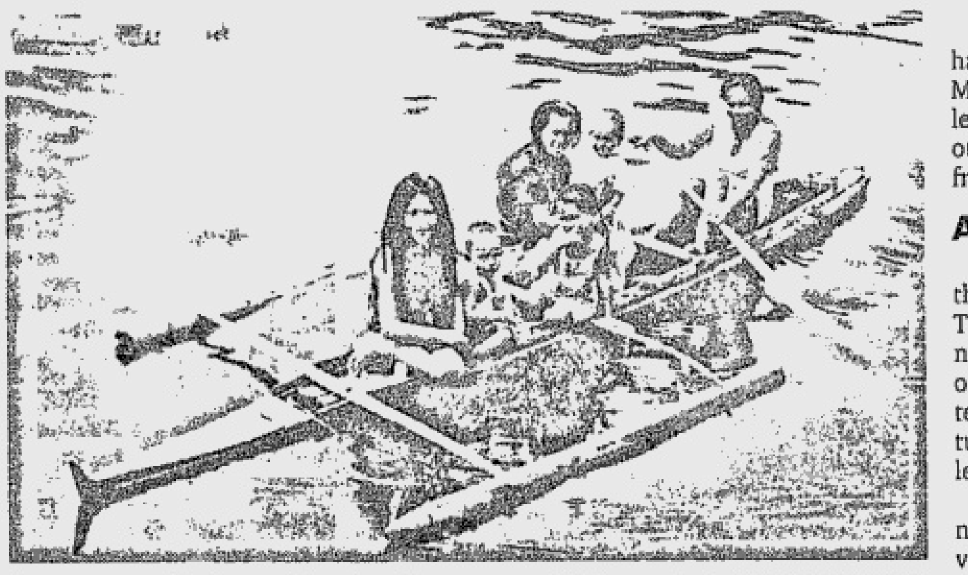

SIBIYA, 31, carefully guides the banca around the houses on stilts and waits for the children to come down. It is her assignment to fetch the children every morning and to bring them to the quay, from where they will all proceed to school. This has been her routine in the past two years, but she is not complaining; this is a task she is glad to do.

Sibiya is a Badjau, as are all the children. Their community of around 120 households is built on water, in a district called Teheman, which is some distance from the coast of the municipality of Maluso in Basilan. The Badjaus in Teheman are long-time residents there, having relocated from other places such as Jolo, Tawi-Tawi and other parts of Basilan.

For many years, the Badjau community has been left behind by development. Most of them are illiterate, and there have been many cases of malnutrition and death among the children.

Traditionally living off the sea by fishing and shellfish gathering, the Badjaus have resorted to overfishing and other destructive fishing methods such as the use of dynamite, which have reduced or decimated their fishing grounds. Their livelihood threatened, the people, who are poor to begin with, have been pushed to even greater destitution, forcing many of them to go to places, such as Zamboanga or Manila, to beg.

Theirs could have been another tragic story to come from Basilan, to add to the stories of woe and terror that continually appear in media. If not for the Claretian Missionaries, the Badjaus would have left Teheman one by one, or stayed but with a future extremely uncertain.

Foundation

The Claretian Missionaries have maintained their presence in Basilan since the 1950s. Through their pastoral arm, the Claret Samal Foundation, they have established a project specifically for the Badjaus in Teheman.

For the past two and a half years, the project has been managed by Bro. Arnel Alcober, who sums its aim: "Trying to empower the tribe and guide them to a better way of life."

The Badjaus, he says, are the poorest of the poor, and among the tribes in Basilan, including the Tausugs and the Yakans, rank the lowest in the social and economic ladder.

The Claretians began by organizing a group of 12 leaders, as well as groups of nine to 15 members called *kampong*, to which the outcomes of the meetings of the leaders are echoed.

Community organizers visited the families to conduct interviews and record family histories, know the names of family members and determine their birth dates.

According to one of the organizers, Shernalyn Jehara, the Badjaus often change their first names (believing some names bring bad or good luck), do not have surnames and do not know their birth dates. Consequently, they do not have birth certificates and remain largely anonymous in the social realm. They do not vote and are excluded from state-provided social services.

Birth documents

The interviews, which continue up to this day, seek to build individual case histories, so the foundation can file birth certificates for the Badjaus at the Maluso civil registry office.

Many of the children now have birth certificates. Around 40 of them are attending the Maluso Central Elementary School, to which the foundation has arranged their enrollment. The foundation also helps with the miscellaneous fees and gives free lunch on weekdays.

One of the students, Hasbi Jawhari, 12, is now in Grade 4—the first in the Teheman Bajau community to attain the educational level.

Hasbi is said to be the favorite of his teachers because he studies his lessons, does his assignments and is never absent. He studies by lamplight, Hasbi says, but this does not discourage him from dreaming of becoming a doctor someday.

The younger children, on the other hand, go to the day care center at the Maluso parish compound where they learn the ABCs and play games, among other activities. They are also provided free lunch and snacks.

Adult classes

The adults attend literacy classes at the school established by the Claretians. There are two classes—one for beginners who are taught the 3 Rs and the other, the advanced students, who attend lectures on topics such as the culture of peace, aside from continuing lessons on the 3 Rs.

Fifteen adults are now in the beginners' class, while eight are in the advanced class.

Sibiya, who is a member of the group of leaders, has been attending the adult literacy classes for two years now and has learned to read and write. In halting Tagalog, Sibiya says, "*Kailangan namin ang matuto* (We need to learn)."

Two of her five children are enrolled at the elementary school in Maluso, while one attends the day care center. Her wish for her children: "*Makatapos ng pag-aaral at makapagtrabaho* (To finish schooling and to find work)."

The Badjaus have also been taught how to take care of themselves better through health education classes that are integrated into the adult literacy and preschool classes. According to Alcober, they have held several sessions on environmental sanitation, childcare and basic hygiene.

A health worker also makes regular visits among the Badjau families to conduct prenatal check-ups or assist in childbirth. Many of the women now realize the importance of these check-ups, hygiene in handling their babies, and vaccinations.

Last year, Alcober says, there was zero neo-natal deaths—a big achievement.

Health clinic

The Claretians have also set up a health clinic at the Maluso parish compound. A nurse tends the clinic and dispenses free medicines. The clinic also dispenses food supplements to expectant mothers, gives vaccinations to babies, and administers the programs of the Department of Health, including its anti-malaria and anti-measles campaigns.

The clinic is important to the Badjaus as there is no hospital or doctors in the town. Those who are sick, including other residents of Maluso, have to be brought to Isabela City.

Alcober also hopes that the woven mats, which are being marketed in Manila by the foundation, will continue to sell. Mat-weaving, which is traditionally a pastime among Badjau women, has been turned into an income-generating project by the foundation. It has already grossed between P60,000 and P70,000 since it was began in the second half of last year. Part of the earnings is used to buy medicines for the clinic.

A few Badjaus also maintain community or *sari-sari* (convenience) stores within their homes. With capital loaned from earnings from selling mats, the stores sell basic necessities, such as cooking oil, salt, sugar and rice. What little revenue is made is kept by the store owners.

Sibiya, who runs one of these stores, makes her Social Security System and PhilHealth payments from revenues from this small enterprise.

More projects

The foundation, Alcober says, continually thinks of new income-generating projects for the Badjaus.

In the next few months, he will experiment with crab culture and duck raising. The latter may sound odd, given the Badjaus' location, but he explains that the ducks will be raised in an enclosure. A large pen has already been built and the ducks are ready to be transferred there. As to the viability of the project, he says there is a big market for duck eggs in Maluso and in neighboring towns.

The foundation's organizing, education, health and income-generating programs for the Badjaus, although they have been going on for the past years, look as if they are only just beginning. And indeed they are, considering the decades of marginalization undergone by the tribe.

"We are merely the facilitators," Alcober said. "We teach and help them in the beginning, but eventually, the Badjaus will have to cope on their own."

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Lessons of peacemaking from the Sama Dilaut women

By Christine Godinez-Ortega
Iligan City

If they are not begging on the streets, their hands are busy weaving mats or cleaning fish by the roadside from small cans of water. At other times, their hands gesture not to simulate the sea waves they had turned their backs on but to keep the peace in their new environment in Iligan City.

The group Sama Dilaut, popularly known by the Malaysian name Badjau, is a community of 170 individuals in Iligan which was displaced by the armed conflict between the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the military in the 1970s.

According to a Sama Dilaut refugee, they escaped as well from the "*a'asuks*" (Tausugs) who prey on them in southern Sulu.

Tausug poet Anthony Tan recalled that the Badjaus in his hometown, Siasi, never begged because they could earn a living by fishing. When they were being murdered and their houseboats burned, they were forced to leave the islands of Bonggao and Sanga-Sanga.

Tan said the Badjaus were better off in Sulu, but since their murderers and rapists were never brought to justice, each day had been a "mockery of justice" for them.

Tales of the indignities suffered by the peace-loving and fun-loving Sama Dilaut in Sulu are corroborated by anthropologist H. Arlo Nimmo in his book, "Songs of Salanda and Other Stories of Sulu" (Ateneo de Manila University Press, 1994).

As a result, people began to see this plight of the Sama Dilaut as one more social problem to add to their own.

Relocation

When the Sama Dilaut refugees began to arrive in Iligan in 1997, the non-government organization Hope for Change petitioned the city government to give them a relocation site by the sea in Barangay Tambacan, also the site of the Spanish forts in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

Most of the heads of the Sama Dilaut families living in Iligan are widows who have borne the brunt of the armed conflicts in their homelands in Basilan and Tawi-tawi. All their lives, they have been nomadic sea dwellers and are used to living by themselves.

They should be differentiated with the Sama Dileya, a land-dwelling sub-group of the Sama Dilaut.

In this present set-up, the Sama Dilaut women understand what peace means and like their ancestors, follow five steps in resolving conflicts, whether in the home or in the community where their children play with those of Iliganons, regardless of the language barrier.

Resolving conflicts

To many people unfamiliar with the group, the Sama Dilaut women resolve types of conflicts, ranging from the personal to the communal, such as disputes over access to potable water.

Marilou Siton-Nanaman, head of Iligan's Center for Peace Education and Research, said that on top of these problems, the Sama Dilaut faced "antipathy and prejudice" from the predominantly Christian community. It was only with the intervention of Hope for Change, barangay officials and other leaders of the community that such conflicts are resolved between the local residents.

Among the Sama Dilaut, various ways toward conflict resolution form part of their social, indigenous way of life. One way of dealing with conflicts is through the "*suli-suli*" (tribal meeting) under the leadership of the *panglima* (leader).

Another is the "*husaya*," which requires a mediator respected by two quarrelling parties. In this manner, a resolution is reached when the offending party compensates the aggrieved one with "valuables" equal to the offense committed as determined by the mediator.

On the other hand, "*pakighusay*" is resorted to by the Sama Dilaut mothers in settling conflicts between their children and those of Cebuano-speaking Iliganons. Here, the Sama Dilaut women remind their own children of the tribal values of loyalty and respect for one another.

Peace at home

Often, the children of Iliganons and the young Sama Dilaut children, especially those who have been "urbanized," spurn the advice of the tribal women, When this happens, the Sama Dilaut women return to their homes, preventing the escalation of open conflict and believing as well that conflicts are best resolved in the privacy of their homes rather than in public places.

Another step used in this case is for the quarreling parties to maintain contact with each other, a community concern that brings out another approach to conflict resolution, the "*magsama-sama*" (moving together).

Aside from this communal approach to resolving conflict, a religious approach used is called "*pag omboh*," a ritual where a community leader, male or female, makes an offering to appease the Omboh Dilaut, spirits of the sea.

The five steps to conflict resolution among the Sama Dilaut in Iligan are made more significant with the women as peace agents of the community.

Ina, an elderly Sama Dilaut tribal leader, not only performs traditional social functions in the small community of the Sama Dilaut but also settles divorce cases and other matters that need amicable settlements, according to Siton-Nanaman.

In this case, Siton-Nanaman would like everyone to recognize the Sama Dilaut's indigenous ways of conflict resolution as a microcosm in the country's quest for peace among all peoples.

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Message

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-AROYO
President of the Philippines

I extend my warmest felicitations to **Medical Center Parañaque (MCP)** on the occasion of its *25th Anniversary.*

Improving our people's health and well-being is a leading concern of my administration. A healthy citizenry is a productive citizenry, while a productive people make for a more progressive nation.

I commend the men and women behind MCP, and its medical staff for bringing their expertise and commitment to our common goals. I hope your achievements in the past years would inspire you to go on with your noble mission of providing quality health care services to our countrymen.

Now, more than ever, we need to join hands and double our efforts to make our country the kind of land where all Filipinos can live healthy, productive lives. The services that your hospital provides not only complements our government's health care programs but also encapsulates this administration's thrust to improve the quality of life of our people.

As you embark in the noble undertaking of saving lives and improving our people's health, I urge you to make health care services more affordable to all. Let us all work together in building a more progressive and healthier Philippines.

Again, congratulations and *Mabuhay!*

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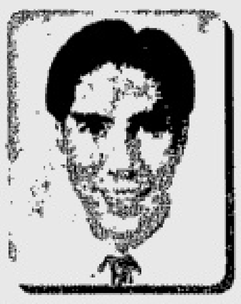
MANUEL M. DAYRIT, MD. MSc
Secretary of Health



It is with distinct honor that I extend my best wishes and sincerest congratulations to the administration and staff of Medical Center Parañaque on the celebration of your *25th Anniversary.*

With the growing clamor for quality healthcare in our society today, the Department of Health has been exerting its efforts to assure our constituents that excellent health services are made available, affordable and accessible to all sectors, most especially the indigents.

As part of these initiatives, we have expanded, through the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, the enrollment of indigent families into the government's health insurance system which provides them greater access to government outpatient health center facilities as well as to both public and private hospitals which are Philhealth-accredited.

Towards the same end, it has also encouraged the establishment of network~g and linkages among government and private hospitals in order to achieve a more equitable distribution of available resources as well. as share in cost of providing health services, with the common goal of improving the state of health and welfare of our people. The Department of Health lauds Medical Center Parañaque for responding to government's call to continuously upgrade the quality and ensure the consistency of its services to our people.

As you celebrate 25 years of service, let us unite in improving our health system in order to secure the well-being of our countrymen by providing them with more opportunities to exercise their right to avail of modern and specialized healthcare services.

Once more, I would like to commend Medical Center Parañaque for a quarter of a century of dedicated service to the people of Parañaque and nearby areas. May you continue to uphold your commitment of uplifting the quality of life of our people through the delivery of quality yet affordable health services.

Congratulations and *Mabuhay po tayong lahat.*

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EDUARDO C. ZIALCITA, Ph.D.
Representative, Lone District, Parañaque City

As an afterthought, it is inspiring to know that Medical Center Parañaque has been in existence for the last 25 years, dedicated to the healthcare needs of our constituents and its envious.

Health Care program has always been a priority agenda in my action plan for my entire term as your Congressman, because I am a believer in the saying " Health is Wealth". In fact, we have undertaken medical and dental missions in practically all Barangays of Parañaque City. I have assisted all the Day Care Centers and donated electric fans, nebulizers and sphygmomanometers, stethoscopes, etc. We have undertaken the rehabilitation of the Day Care facilities in most Barangays.

In Congress, I filed a bill H.B. 1557, which is an Act establishing a Medical Center in Parañaque City and appropriate funds thereof; to render medical service to the poorest of the poor of our constituency.

Let us strive to work together for the physical well-being of our people.

Rest assured that this humble representation will continue and persevere with an unwavering dedication for the physical and the common weal of Parañaqueños.

Again my warmest and heartfelt felicitations on your 25th anniversary as a health institution.

Maraming salamat po!

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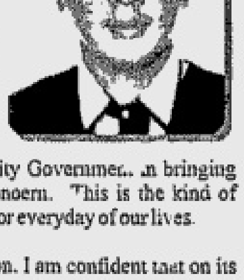
JOEY P. MARQUEZ
City Mayor



With immense pleasur[illegible] my [illegible]est gre[illegible] congratulations to th[illegible] Managem[illegible] the s[illegible] and Personnel Force of Medical Center Parañaque on their *25th Anniversary* celebration on November 9-12, 2002.

As a premier hospital within our city and in Metro Manila, the Medical Center Parañaque plays a most important role in the well-rounded development of our constituents into healthy, able and productive, good citizens.

Through your hospital's adequate health care services and outreach projects, you remain an active partner of Parañaque City Governme[illegible] in bringing about a community environment of caring and deep human concern. This is the kind of environment conducing to peace and prosperity that we all aspire for everyday of our lives.

A healthy community is the foundation of a progressive nation. I am confident that on its 25th year, the Medical Center Parañaque will be more inspired and motivated to administer for greater health care services to our people.

I wish you all a *very successful and memorable anniversary!*

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FLORENC[illegible], JR.
City Vice Ma[illegible]

Greetings to the Medical Center of Parañaque on the occasion of their Silver Anniversary. Your 25 years of continued medical services is a manifestation of the high degree of good service for which our constituents have availed of through your comprehensive health care services and state of the art facilities. I am confident that you shall continue your brand of service to people by providing those facilities and expertise for many more decades.

Congratulations and 'may you realize your dream of expanding into a high rise building. Please continue your social contribution to our populace *God Bless' and Mabuhay!*

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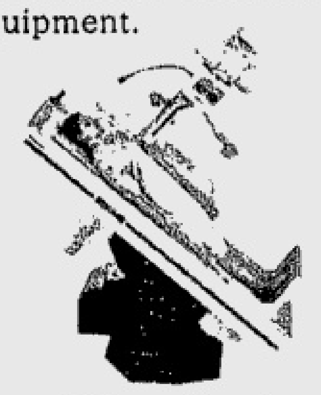
IN LINE with its continuing quality health services to the community, Medical Center Parañaque, Inc. has recently acquired brand new State-of-the-Art Shimadzu Diagnostic Imaging equipment.



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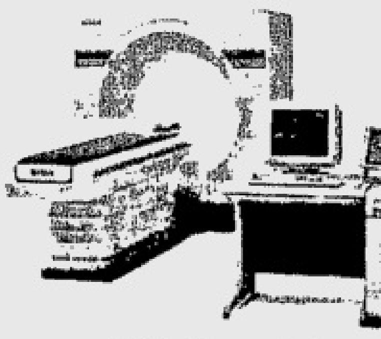

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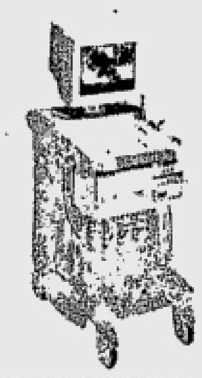

Diagnostic Color
Ultrasound Unit

Shimadzu Philippines Corporation, a subsidiary of Shimadzu Corporation of Kyoto, Japan, and Medical Center Parañaque, Inc. have entered in a long-term partnership to give Parañaque and the neighboring communities total quality health services. With this vision in mind by the Board of Directors of MCP, they have entered into an agreement with Shimadzu Philippines for the acquisition of a Helical CT Scanner Model SCT 6800TX, a Remote Controlled Radiographic and Fluoroscopic Cassetteless X-ray System Model Shimavision EX Quatro, and a Digital Color Ultrasound System Model SDU 220[illegible]. All these newly acquired Shimadzu systems now deliver precise and accurate imaging for better diagnosis of patients. Doctors and patients can now benefit REALTIME scanning made possible by the 3 sets of 64 bit multiprocessor of the SCT 6800TX CT. Scanner. The Shimavision EX Quatro is best used for Serial Imaging and Contrast studies while the SDU 2200 provides versatility as it is designed to meet the hospital's wholebody ultrasound requirements. All these enhanced services can now be availed as MCP moves toward its commitment in being "YOUR TOTAL QUALITY CARE HOSPITAL".

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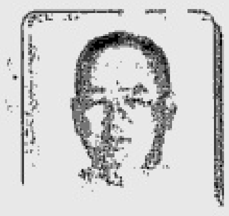

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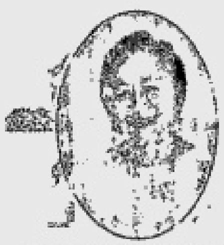

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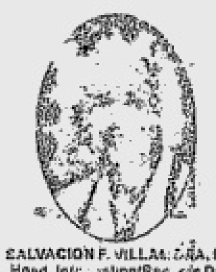

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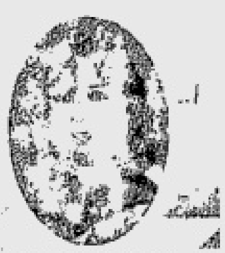

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Imelda's P2B a mystery

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sociate, told the Inquirer that while she did not have details, she knew that Marcos got "a very substantial amount" in a settlement over the ownership of PLDT. *(See related story on Page A1.)*

The PCGG received the undated document through the mail on May 31. The "attorney-client privileged communication" written on the official stationery of the law office of Ponce Enrile Reyes & Manalastas was undated and addressed to "Mrs. Imelda R. Marcos c/o Greggy Araneta."

"The document purports to be a fee agreement between Mrs. Marcos and her lawyers involving a settlement in which Marcos stands to receive a total of P2 billion," PCGG Chair Haydee Yorac said in the commission's letter of request to BIR Commissioner Rene Banez.

"We do not know whether this settlement relates to any pending case we filed before the Sandiganbayan or the Supreme Court," she said, but added that it "may likely involve the ill-gotten wealth we are presently seeking to recover."

"In any event, we believe that the amount of P2 billion, whether ill-gotten or not, is considered income for tax purposes and should have therefore been declared by Mrs. Marcos in the corresponding year it accrued and taxed accordingly," Yorac said.

She expressed the hope that the BIR would "take the lead in ensuring that the Republic's laws are not evaded in this instance," and said the PCGG was willing to "assist" the bureau in the matter.

Carranza would not say who had mailed the document to the PCGG, which attached it to Yorac's letter of request to Banez.

He said the BIR should first verify the letter signed by lawyers Eleazar B. Reyes and Armando M. Marcelo.

Reyes is also the lawyer of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos' younger daughter, Irene Marcos Araneta, and her husband Gregorio "Greggy" Araneta. In February last year he was with the Aranetas when they attempted to move their deposits from the Union Bank of Switzerland to the Deutsche Bank in Dusseldorf.

'Dear Ma'am'

In the letter that starts with "Dear Ma'am," the signatories said they had "agreed to base our 5 percent attorney's fees on only 75 percent instead of 100 percent of the settlement amount."

"Please find enclosed our revised schedule of payment," the signatories said, adding:

"The payment shall apply also to all services we have rendered to date and shall render in the future, on all other cases/matters referred to us."

They also committed to continue their services to ensure that the "other party" would comply with the payment schedule.

According to the stated schedule of payment of the settlement proceeds, Marcos supposedly received:

- P400 million for the first tranche, of which the lawyers were to get P15 million.
- P100 million for the second, with P3.75 million for the lawyers.
- P1.1 billion for the third, with P41.25 million for the lawyers.

Marcos was to have received P200 million for the fourth tranche and another P200 million for the fifth, of which the lawyers were to get P7.5 million for each tranche.

Carranza said the PCGG could not say for sure what the supposed settlement was about.

"Given the amount involved, we are prompted to make our own inquiry," he said, but refused to disclose the commission's next moves.

A source close to the Marcos family told the INQUIRER that the "strictly private and confidential" document on the lawyers' fees may been leaked to the PCGG by the lawyers themselves to compel Mrs. Marcos to keep her financial obligations to them.

The source added that Mrs. Marcos had not paid her lawyers at the time of the "leak" in May.

Street dogs guarding RP sovereignty in Spratlys

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The Navy's "dog soldiers" have been serving as "all-weather guards, working 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Kalayaan Mayor Rosendo Mantes, a former commanding officer of the Pag-asa naval station.

They may not be as valuable as the Navy's patrol ships watching the country's long coastline, but "we cannot discount the help, no matter how small, they provide to the Navy," Mantes said.

Navy Ensigns Bienvenido Pelonia Jr., Juvenal Azurin and Antonio Bosch call the native canines "early warning devices" in the absence of top-of-the-line sensors and other modern military equipment.

Pilar and Hubad, who are in the Rizal Reef Detachment, and Tigre and Blackie, who are in Panata, have been cited by their Navy masters for "providing much-needed early warning, especially at night."

"They can tell if a passing vessel is Chinese, Vietnamese or foreign-owned. They bark non-stop. They also do that at the sight or sound of a plane. But they don't react the same way if the vessel belongs to the Navy," according to PO1 Alberto Matira.

"And to think that the dogs did not undergo any formal training," he noted.

Matira said native dogs "can be as receptive, if not better than the imported ones."

Catching fish

Pilar is not only friendly, she also helps soldiers catch fish in shallow waters, said CD3 Lino Tripoli Jr.

When a rubber boat loaded with journalists, including this reporter, reached Panata (after a 45-minute trip from the landing ship tank BRP Laguna which was anchored two miles off the islet), Tigre and Blackie wagged their tails in welcome.

Nearby Kota is home to three working dogs called Itim, Bunso and (another) Pilar.

There, dogs and soldiers live in the same barracks.

"They deserve adequate care and shelter. We value their usefulness. They help us in securing this piece of Philippine territory," said PO2s Edmori Felipe and Manny Quiano.

"Unlike the imported ones, they are easier to maintain. Their health and maintenance do not cost us that much," added SN2 Chanson Abdullah.

In Likas (also called West York), Bulldog is getting the same special treatment from Navy personnel detailed at the 25-hectare bird sanctuary.

The same is true with Toto and ST (short for Sex Trip) in LT 57, the World War II vintage landing ship tank which ran aground on Ayungin Reef sometime in the late 1990s.

The Philippines is laying claim to nine features in the South China Sea: Rizal Reef (called Commodore Reef by other Spratly claimant countries), Pag-asa, Likas, Parola, Lawak, Kota, Patag, Panata and Ayungin.

First line of defense

The dogs' strategic value as the military's first line of defense in the disputed zone, dubbed "Dangerous Ground" by a Navy intelligence office publication, has been enhanced by the discovery of potentially rich oil fields in Linapacan and Malampaya in northwestern Palawan.

"There's no question about their effectivity as the Navy's extra eyes and ears here in the Spratlys," said Lt. Jesus Secreto, Pag-asa commanding officer.

Earlier this week, Negros Occidental Rep. Jose Apolinario Lozada said that given proper training, native dogs can perform bomb- and drug-sniffing chores like their purebred, and expensive, counterparts. Lozada wanted government security agencies to try out the *askals* in the wake of allegations of overpricing in the purchase of K-9s by government agencies.

Perez, Sto. Tomas on way out in Cabinet revamp

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preparatory to join the administration's 2004 senatorial ticket.

But President Macapagal-Arroyo's spokesperson told reporters to "totally disregard" the INQUIRER report yesterday on the shakeup, which, according to sources privy to the plan, would mark the re-launch of her campaign for a "strong republic" on Nov. 30.

"There's no such thing as a Cabinet revamp on Nov. 30," Rigoberto Tiglao said. He said the President would not announce a Cabinet revamp on National Heroes' Day but would deliver a "major" policy speech charting her administration's course for the rest of her term.

Asked if a revamp would occur after Nov. 30, Tiglao said it could happen "maybe next year, maybe 2004, 2005."

"It's a continuing process for the President," he said. "It's (her) prerogative and duty to evaluate each Cabinet secretary's performance, and if she feels that changing a Cabinet post will be necessary to improve the performance of that department, she will do so.

"This revamp idea has always been floated. We repeat: There's no Cabinet revamp on Nov. 30."

'Garbage'

Interior Secretary José Lina, whom sources had named among those to be removed, angrily said he was not aware of any planned revamp in the immediate future.

"There's no basis for that reported Cabinet revamp. That's all part of efforts to sow discord. I don't want to react to that. That's pure garbage," Lina said in an interview over radio.

"That's pure gossip," he later said in a phone interview with the INQUIRER.

But Lina, whom the President is reportedly considering as her campaign manager in 2004, said any revamp would be her "call."

"If the report turns out to be true, we serve at the pleasure of the President. We have no vested interest in our position," he said.

He declined to answer when asked if he thought a reshuffle was necessary at this time.

He likened the report on the supposed revamp to the coup rumors that had been swirling for the past few days.

"We should not be distracted by all this loose talk," Lina said. "Let's focus on fundamental things that will improve the lot of our people. This loose talk is counterproductive."

Rafael Mariano of the militant Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas said nothing more than improved survey ratings for the President would result from the supposed revamp.

He noted that the departments supposedly to be affected by the reshuffle—such as agriculture and agrarian reform—addressed the concerns of the lower class or the *masa*.

"By revamping these agencies, this administration wants to project that it's stepping up its pro-poor programs, and then it will expect a surge in satisfaction ratings before 2002 ends," Mariano said at the weekly Cypress forum.

But a change in department leaders will be useless if Malacañang does not drop its trade liberalization policy that has allowed cheap imported produce to flood the market and impoverish local farmers, he said.

'Rigodon'

Lawmakers said the supposed planned Cabinet reshuffle was not enough to bring about the hoped-for "strong republic."

"While we respect the prerogative of the President to make appointments, I don't know how a strong republic will emerge from a 'rigodon (dance)' or a 'Trip to Jerusalem' type of revamp," House Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II, a senior member of the ruling Lakas, said in a phone interview.

Bulacan Rep. Willie Villarama said there seemed to be a consensus among the people close to Ms Macapagal that a revamp was needed to improve the administration's image.

"I agree. However, if it is merely going to be a 'rigodon de dishonor,' shuffling one Cabinet member from one department to another, the people will just laugh at it," said Villarama, a member of the Aksyon Demokratiko party of resigned Education Secretary Raul Roco.

"Too little, too late," said Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla of the opposition Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino.

Remulla said that if the President were serious in bringing about a strong republic, she should give the people peace and order, a manageable population and a good economy.

Bayan Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran said in a statement that such a revamp would be an exercise in futility.

Beltran said no matter how many times Malacañang played musical chairs, the quality of life would not improve if it continued with its policies of privatization, deregulation and trade liberalization.

But he said Secretaries Blas Ople of foreign affairs, Sto. Tomas of labor and Reyes of defense should be fired for being abusive and detrimental to the welfare of the Filipinos here and abroad.

Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles, also of Lakas, said the revamp would enable the President to remove the deadwood in her official family.

Nograles proposed that the President replace Cabinet officials planning to run for public office in 2004, as well as those deemed "arrogant and extravagant."

Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta dismissed the revamp as a "cosmetic" and a game of musical chairs.

"It seems that the President is bent on implementing a pseudo shakeup in a frantic bid to reverse growing public perception that Malacañang is adrift and much too preoccupied with the 2004 elections," Oreta said in a statement.

She also said that in order to be credible and forceful, the shakeup must be anchored on the overhaul of the economic team led by Finance Secretary Camacho. *With reports from TJ Burgonio, Juliet L. Javellana, Volt Contreras and Cynthia D. Balana*

'Loyalists' swap horror stories about Imelda

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cent out-of-court settlement with the Marcos family and had pertinent documents on the alleged "pay-off."

Story must be told

"There has never been a complete, up-close and honest story about Imelda, and this is a collaboration of stories that must be told," Gaddi told the INQUIRER in a later interview.

The party guests including former Marcos government officials and aides, fashion designers, high society friends, "blue ladies" (as Mrs. Marcos inner circle of cronies were called) were unanimous in their willingness to contribute to the making and completion of the book. It will include accounts, they said, of how they met Mrs. Marcos and how she used them.

One guest told Gaddi, "I'll double your professional fee if you can really come up with a book that captures the real Imelda."

"She knows that I know who she really is," said Gaddi, who's a Palanca award winner for poetry and National Centennial Poet in 1998.

Also present in the party which lasted until daybreak were Marcos cheerleaders the likes of Cherry Cobarrubias, president and organizer of the Marcos Loyalist National Headquarters, and Nonoy Escolin Jr., a nephew of Mrs. Marcos and the party host himself, Anthony Violago.

Not cronies

"None of us is a crony," Cobarrubias said. "We came into her life when she was at her lowest and we were there for her and we did because we respected the legacy of the late President Marcos whom we thought she represented."

Cobarrubias never knew the Marcoses until April 1986 when she passed by Honolulu to visit the exiled couple out of her admiration for the the ousted President.

She was then based in San Francisco where her children were enrolled at exclusive Catholic schools while she tended to a board and care business for the the elderly, in a four and a half acres estate in Los Angeles.

While the Marcoses were still in Hawaii, she undertook several "sensitive missions" for the couple specifically about their return to the Philippines.

"I did it at my own expense and at my own risk out of the love and respect for the late President Marcos, "

Cobarrubias clarified." I came from a small barrio in Samar and the construction of the San Juanico bridge made me believe in his legacy and vision for the country."

Betrayed

Since 1986, she has been Imelda's most avid defender and supporter especially during "the years of Imelda's financial distress and deprivation," according to Cobarrubias.

"I would lead rallies and hunger strikes under the heat of the sun for Mrs. Marcos," recalls Cobarrubias, "because I thought she truly cared for the people and the legacy of her husband."

Last Sept.11, Marcos' birthday, Cobarrubias was granting interviews to press the government to allow the burial of her hero at the Libingan ng mga Bayani because she said, "this was the right thing to do to a former soldier."

But she discovered that the Marcos family was already planning for the burial of the late strongman in Ilocos Norte, a plan which runs contrary to Mrs. Marcos' own 11-year crusade for a heroes' burial for her husband.

"Why did she have to wait 11 years to decide on this?" demanded Cobarrubias. "As head of the Marcos Loyalist Headquarters, we felt betrayed."

Cobarrubias is now concentrating full time on her trading business and has just opened a meat processing plant and has started a rosary crusade for peace and human development with Telly Somera.

Escolin, Violago

Escolin was in the construction business when he was requested by Mrs. Marcos to help her reconstruct the old Marcos mansion in San Juan in 1994. He also assisted Mrs. Marcos in a number of legal cases where he engaged, he said, in "crucial negotiations."

Violago has a different story to tell. He was a student in 1992 when he returned as a gift to Mrs. Marcos the original bronze bust of Marcos made by national artist Guillermo Tolentino.

This had been lost from the Palace during the Edsa People Power I and he had found it in an antique shop and bought it for P500,000.00.

Even as a child, Violago child had always idolized Marcos.

He collected Marcos memorabilia including his selected speeches.

The young Violago hosted a grand party for the 70th birthday of Mrs. Marcos in 1999 at the Hotel Intercontinental-Manila where among the special guests were American Actor George Hamilton, Bulgari heir Nicola Bulgari and lawyer Linn.

57 pieces of luggage

The disgruntled fans of Mrs. Marcos claimed they had not seen her since her birthday in July this year. That month, Mrs. Marcos had requested the Sandiganbayan permission to travel to China and Hong Kong for "medical reasons."

But one of her travelling companions who was also present at the Violago party said that "all she did was shop."

"She came back with 57 pieces of luggage of name-brand items from Cartier, Van Cleef and Arpels, Chanel, Louis Vuitton and Ascot Chang."

Her luggage were airfreighted via the Laoag International Airport.

"She even shopped for suits, shoes, watches and neckties for her American counsel James Paul Linn, " added the guest.

"We saw how she manipulated us. We just decided to take our lives back. We're happy without Imelda," said one male guest who wish not to be named. *(To be continued tomorrow)*

Army chief named next chief of staff

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the maintenance of law and order in the country, particularly in the southern Philippines.

"My main concern will be the peace and order drive and the security threat groups in the South. The usual operations (to neutralize the threat groups) will be intensified," he said, referring to the Abu Sayyaf and secessionist groups.

Santiago's appointment, which was announced yesterday by President Macapagal-Arroyo during a joint military-police command conference on the anti-insurgency campaign, confirmed an INQUIRER report that Ms Macapagal had decided not to extend Defensor's term. The move was widely viewed as an effort by the administration to belie criticism of the administration's supposed "revolving door" policy on Armed Forces chiefs of staff.

"The President believes that General Santigo complies with all the criteria for chief of staff. She has full confidence in General Santiago and he has proven his loyalty to the Constitution," said Rigoberto Tiglao, presidential spokesperson.

Santiago led the anti-coup Task Force Libra which quelled the violent riot by thousands of Estrada's supporters who marched to Malacañang on May 1, 2001 in an effort to depose Ms Macapagal.

Santiago graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1970 and was a former head of the AFP Special Operations Command based in Nueva Ecija. He is set to retire in April 2003.

Tiglao said the decision to name Santiago was finalized the other day. He denied that the President made the announcement in the light of coup rumors.

"Not at all. It's because Nov. 18 is fast approaching and we want a clear, smooth transition in the post of chief of staff," Tiglao said.

He said the President has not yet decided on Santiago's replacement. He said the President "probably" has plans for Defensor's next assignment, but she has not yet discussed these with him. *With a report from AFP*

Do Fil-Ams care about voting?

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ties with the homeland.

Filipinos in America took extra notice in late October, however, as President Macapagal-Arroyo chose to announce the imminent passage of the absentee voting bill that would allow millions of Filipinos overseas to vote for the first time in Philippine elections.

Clearly, this is what homesick Filipino-Americans have been clamoring for. Or is it?

Political base

The President's five-city US tour, an extended side trip from her attendance at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Mexico, capped a series of efforts during the year by both administration and opposition politicians to establish a solid political base among the Filipinos overseas, now thought to number 7.4 million in 49 countries.

The specter of the 2004 presidential contest and the very substantial swing vote that the estimated 3 million qualified overseas voters represent continue to crank up those efforts both at home and abroad.

The largest Filipino population outside the country is in the United States, numbering about 2.4 million. This does not include the undocumented ones whom the Senate seems to want to also enfranchise.

Sixty-two percent of the US-based Filipinos are immigrants, and the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (Naffaa) has estimated that half a million of them are potential qualified voters.

Ms Macapagal's US tour, which began in Honolulu on Oct. 24 and ended in San Francisco on Nov. 1, was packaged as a series of "town hall meetings" where the President reported to her constituency her efforts to rev up the economy, stamp out corruption, battle international terrorists and through it all, govern responsibly and well.

Is it, really?

She would cap this with her absentee voting plank for Filipinos in America who, because they contributed so much in remittances and were still part of the Philippines, "deserved to have a say in the affairs of the country," she said.

Some of the youths that Ms Macapagal pitched her message to like Rhodora Derpo, a 25-year-old law student in Honolulu, said they welcomed the absentee vote.

"Just because we are here doesn't mean that we are detached from there," she says plausibly. "My family wants to have a chance to have a say on what happens there."

Crescente Valido, a 72-year-old retired printer who has lived in Honolulu for the past 40 years, wasn't sure he could vote as a US citizen, but "if the law allows it, I will vote."

A retired oil company executive here was quite certain his having embraced US citizenship had lost him the right to meddle in the affairs of the old country.

"It is only right that they give it to the overseas Filipino workers. They have families there, their future is there, they have a stake in the country," he said.

Jenny Quezon, who works on the staff of Hawaii Gov. Benjamin Cayetano, the highest elected Filipino-American official, said with a wink: "Maybe it's only the politicians who want it. Filipinos here can't even be bothered to vote."

One San Diego-based Filipino expressed only impatience with the initiative which she thought was misdirected.

"There are 200,000 Filipinos in San Diego but we haven't been able to elect a single official. We should be improving the lot of Filipinos here, not meddling in the affairs of the Philippines," she said.

Indeed, a West Coast-based Filipino diplomat who consented to be interviewed only on background, said he did not believe the Filipino-American community really wanted absentee voting.

"Those who want it are the politicians at home and the politicians here, those Filipinos here who still want to have a say in what happens at home and who care about their standing with the Filipino community here," he said.

Gone native

He said the issue really turned on the two types of Filipinos found in Filipino communities abroad. The first type, generally found in the United States, Canada and Australia, have integrated into the local community and have in a sense "gone native."

"A lot of them have lost touch with the Philippines," he said.

The second type of overseas Filipinos, mostly found in the Middle Eastern, Asian and European countries, have gone abroad mainly for work. They have families at home and have a stake in the Philippines. These are the ones clamoring for an absentee voting bill.

Naffaa, established in 1997 to promote the welfare of all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans throughout the United States, seems to be an altogether different story.

Chaired by businesswoman Loida Nicolas-Lewis, a high-net worth Filipino-American best remembered for trying and failing to wrest control of the Philippine National Bank from ethnic Chinese tycoon Lucio Tan, the Naffaa probably speaks for those Filipino-Americans haunted by the specter of another Joseph Estrada being elected to the presidency.

According to vice chair Greg Macabenta, "there's a growing sense that we, the Filipinos in the US, can do what the Mexican-Americans did in Mexico."

The Mexicans in the United States were thought to have been partly responsible for the stunning election victory in 2000 of center-right President Vicente Fox, who broke the seven-decades-long rule of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

Sense of guilt

Rather than a desire to meddle, Macabenta said Filipino-Americans are motivated mainly by love for the Philippines and maybe also a sense of guilt for having turned their back on the country.

He believes they can make a difference because "they can't be bought, can't be bribed, can't be intimidated."

Del Rosario is concerned that absentee voting will be divisive.

"With the numbers that we have, we really ought to have elected Filipinos to (US) Congress but we haven't because we are not united. With the absentee voting, it will even divide the Filipino community more," he said.

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1.) Call to Order
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6.) Appointment of External Auditor
7.) Election of Board of Directors for the ensuing term
8.) Other Business as may properly come before the meeting
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As fixed by the Board of Directors, stockholders of record as of October 21, 2002 shall be entitled to notice of, and vote at said stockholders' meeting. For this purpose, the Board of Directors authorized the closing of the stock and transfer books of the Corporation during the period of October 22, 2002 to November 15, 2002.

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Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

PDS 2002: Golden Legacy

From its foundation on November 8, 1952 by ten pioneering Filipino dermatologists, the PDS has blossomed to be the premier organization of dermatologists. A half-century of dedication and progress has enabled the PDS to make the practice of dermatology in the Philippines efficient and dynamic.

The current president of the PDS, Dr. Elizabeth Amelia V. Tianco has focused on the society's mission-vision statement for the new millennium: "leadership in the attainment of healthy skin for all Filipinos through service, training and research activities." Aside from the pursuit of academic excellence, the society leads the celebration of the National Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week for the 3rd year under Presidential Proclamation no. 110. One of the society's health education programs, SKINHELP, was recently adjudged by the Philippine Medical Association as the "Best Project of an Affiliate Society" during its annual convention in May 2002.

At present, the PDS has 343 members nationwide ensuring that the legacy and gifts of the founding members are kept intact and alive. The PDS will keep on growing by the addition of new members each year from its six accredited training institutions. These are the University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital, Santo Tomas University Hospital, University of the East - Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center, Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, Makati Medical Center and the Skin and Cancer Foundation, Inc.

Being one of the founding members of the League of ASEAN Dermatological Societies (LADS), the PDS is actively participating in the 15th Regional Conference of Dermatology (Asian-Australian) at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel on November 12-16, 2002.

The other accomplishments of the society in the past 5-10 years alone are the refinement of the accreditation guidelines for the training institutions, the approval of the Code of Ethics, the Outreach Program that serves the poor and underserved, the health information projects such as the weekly "Know your Skin" column in the Manila Bulletin, the monthly advisory in Mirror Magazine, The Skin, Hair and Nail Health Education Program (SKINHELP) for community education, an outstanding website: www.pds.org.ph <http://www.pds.org.ph> and greatly improved communication with the members through the "PDS Newsletter".

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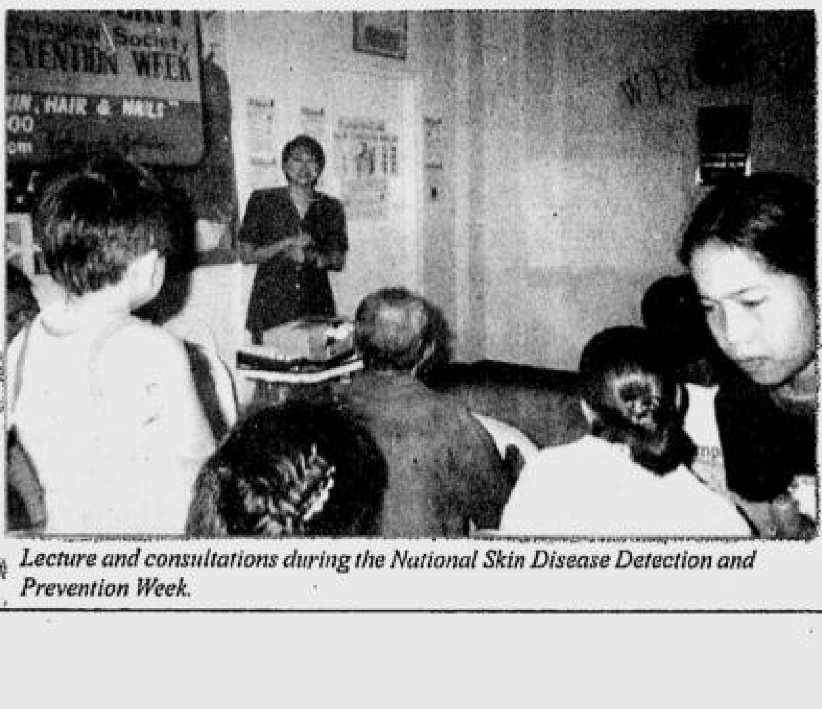

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OFFICIAL BROADCASTERS NEXT YEAR

NBN-IBC has 1 group for PBA matters

By June Navarro

NBN-4 and IBC-13, the official broadcasters of the PBA games beginning next season, will have one group to discuss all matters with the league.

Philip Ella Juico, IBC-13 vice chair, said both TV stations will meet next week to thresh out details pertaining to the formation of an exclusive entity whose only task is to handle all PBA transactions.

"There is a need to form a single group which will act as the only authorized figure involved with the stations' dealings with the PBA," said Juico, a former Philippine Sports Commission chair.

Reinforcing the group's capability to air the PBA games on a wider reach, Juico said both stations have the equipment and the luxury of airtime "which past broadcast outfits did not have."

Said Juico: "As far as equipment and airtime are concerned, everything is under control."

In the wake of the PBA board's approval, the NBN-IBC conglomerate promised to purchase P700 million worth of state-of-the-art equipment.

Juico said the high-tech equipment would be utilized not only for the broadcast of the games but also as a means to reach the ultimate goal of being the No.1 television station in sports and entertainment.

On NBN-IBC's P670 million promise to the PBA, Juico said the entire package is definitely viable, especially the first year of the contract where they would have to shell out P200 million but "not to the point that the group will rake in profits."

Sources said the original plan of the NBN-IBC combine was to dangle a far lower amount than P670 million.

Arnis meet slated

ARNIS Philippines Inc. (Arpi), a member of the Philippine Olympic Committee and recognized by the Philippine Sports Commission, will hold its annual national tournament dubbed as National Arnis Encounter 2002 on Dec. 14 and 15 at the Ateneo de Manila, Quezon City.

Fierce competitions are expected in seven weight divisions for both men and women as participants from all over the country girds up for the big battle, said Arpi president Raymond Velayo.

Special awards will be given to the "Arnis Fighter of the Year" while the "Ms. Arnis Encounter 2002" will be chosen from among the club muses.

For information, please contact Chris or Dewey Sahagun at the Arpi national secretariat, 725-4859 and 724-2358.

Nicolas prevails

KALINGA Province's Dr. Gil Nicolas, ruled the "Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA) 2nd Stag Series 2002 6-Stag Derby" Thursday night at the Mandaluyong Coliseum.

Nicolas fielded the precision-cutting Hatch Clarets as his entry 632 Gamefarm III tallied six straight victories to topple 57 other participants.

Last week, another Kalinga entry, EDL Crowsland Excellence I of Rep. Lawrence Wacnang was the solo champion in the LGBA series. Wacnang posted five points last Thursday to maintain the lead in the LGBA Breeder of the Year 2002 race with a total of 11 points.

Pol Estrellado of San Pablo City (San Pablo Heat III) was the solo runner-up with 5.5 points, followed by Bobby Robregado (Buddy and Bob I) and Edwin Aranes.

Shaq expects to play in one or two weeks

WASHINGTON—Shaquille O'Neal expects to return to the Los Angeles Lakers' lineup in "one or two weeks" from the toe injury that has sidelined him since the start of the season.

"Right now, what you see is not real life," O'Neal said Friday, referring to the Lakers' 2-4 start entering Friday night's game against Washington. "Real life will happen in one or two weeks.

"It's going to be funny when real life comes back around. I see people now taking shots, this and that. What's good about this world we play in is that it's eight long months. You can't win it or lose it in the first month. I've been one to pace myself and wake up when it's time to wake up."

O'NEAL

The Lakers thought O'Neal could return as early as Tuesday, but the All-Star center, who had surgery on his arthritic right big toe two months ago, said he can't give a firm timetable because of the nature of the injury.

Carter out 1 month

TORONTO—Toronto Raptors star Vince Carter will miss four weeks after re-injuring his left knee.

Carter, hurt in a game against Houston last Saturday, does not need surgery but must sit out to let his strained quadriceps tendon heal. He traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, on Thursday to meet with renowned orthopedist James Andrews, who made the recommendation.

Hakeem retiring

HOUSTON—Hakeem Olajuwon left the Houston Rockets a little more than a year ago to finish his career with the Toronto Raptors. That injury-plagued season provided a dubious end for one of the greatest centers in NBA history.

"The Dream" will get a more fitting send-off Saturday night, when he announces his retirement during halftime of a game between Golden State and Houston, where Olajuwon played for 17 of his 18 seasons.

COMPLETE RESULTS

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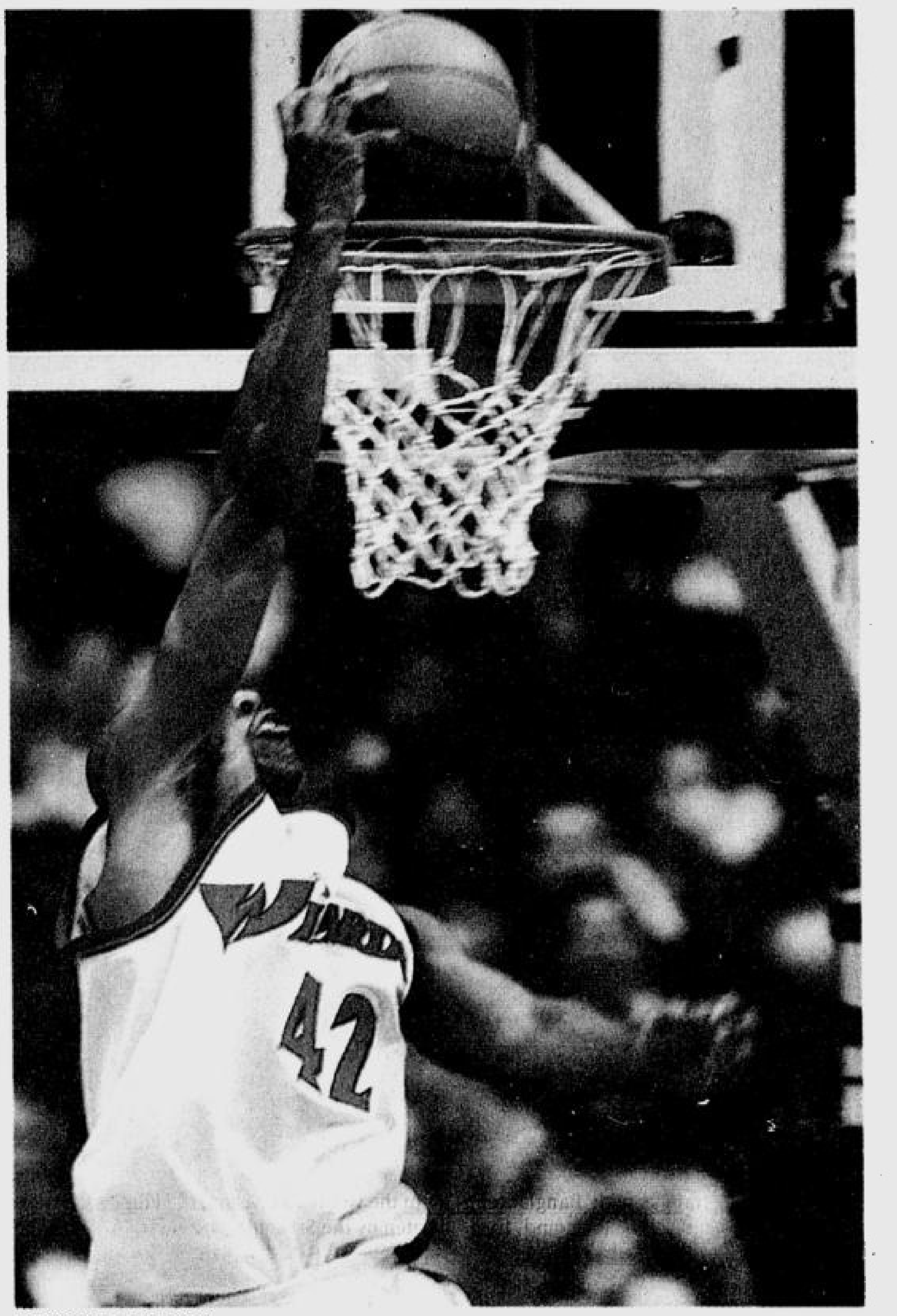
WINNING DUNK
Jerry Stackhouse stuffs this one in with two seconds left yesterday to power the Washington Wizards to a 100-99 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers. AFP

Grand Orchard raffles ₱2.5M

PRIZES worth more than P2.5 million topped by a Nissan Serena QRV-R automatic and a Nissan Sentra Exalta 1.6 GS will be at stake in The Grand Orchard raffle coinciding with the sixth Founder's Cup, the Orchard Golf and Country Club's annual member-guest invitational on Nov. 23-24.

Aside from the latest model Nissan cars, entertainment, kitchen, fitness and home/office equipment showcases will also be given away in what promises to be the biggest ever raffles the Orchard will be holding.

The prizes will be drawn in the evening of Nov. 24 during the awarding ceremonies. The minor prizes will be drawn earlier in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, preparations for the event which is the biggest in the club calendar are in full swing especially with the expected influx of local and foreign guests.

Club general manager Tom Clemente said that one of the big treats is the full re-opening of the Palmer course which was recently regreened to the TifEagle breed.

"The Palmer re-opening is the much-awaited event, next of course to the raffles," said Clemente.

Luis O. Villa-Abrille, chairman of the 2002 Founders Cup organizing committee, said that there is a separate prize package for the tournament.

Putting challenge at Canlubang

AFTER yesterday's big take-off, the Laguna leg of the Samsung Putting Challenge winds up today at the Canlubang Golf and Country Club with another banner weekend roster expected to vie for slots to the grand finals.

The second of a series of qualifiers to the national finals–where a brand new car will be up for grabs in a unique side-event featuring players who scored holes-in-one–will choose a fresh batch of winners advancing to the next stage.

The putting competition is part of the Samsung DigitAll Golf Challenge, the first major golf venture in the local scene by the electronics giant. It is also supported by TaylorMade adidas, Gatorade, Maxfli, Custom Clubmakers, Hotshots Flame-Grilled Burgers and Fila. Wave 89.1, City Lite 88.3, 103.5 K-Lite, Magic 89.8, KillerBee and 99.5 RT are radio partners.

PAL MILES ELITE CHAMP
Valeriano "Bones" Floro (left) receives his champion's trophy from PAL executive vice president Henry So Uy. Floro won the Mabuhay Miles Elite crown Friday at Wack Wack with an even-par 72 to retain the title he won last year at Eagle Ridge. Davao-based businessman Valeriano Pasquil captured overall net honors while Jun Engracia won the longest drive award (258 yards).

Goosen still up

SOTOGRANDE, Spain–Retief Goosen struggled to a 3-over 74 in the second round of the Volvo Masters on Friday, but that was enough to keep him ahead of Padraig Harrington in their competition for the Order of Merit.

Harrington shot a 5-over 76 for his second straight bad outing on the Valderrama course. The Irishman is three shots behind Goosen. *AP*

Champions League begins

GAMES TODAY *(Makati Coliseum)*
1 p.m.--DLSU vs UB
3 p.m.--UST vs UM

THE TOURNAMENT that will decide truly the No. 1 among the country's collegiate basketball title-holders–Champions League 2002–starts today at the Makati Coliseum.

De La Salle, a leading power in the UAAP, battles University of Baguio at 1 p.m., while University of Santo Tomas takes on University of Manila at 3.

La Salle assistant coach Jack Santiago said the Green Archers are looking forward to the tournament and are anxious to see how they will match up against the the provincial bets.

Danny Soria of UB, acknowledges that La Salle's experience and depth put the Cardinals at a disadvantage.

"We're just happy to be here, at the chance to play a high caliber Manila team like La Salle," said Soria. *"Basta huwag lang matambakan."*

The elimination, quarterfinal and semifinal rounds are all knockout affairs, with only the championship, supported by Petron, San Miguel Corporation, adidas, Hapee and PLDT, given a longer best-of-three series.

In the same game, the UST Growling Tigers should find their hands full warding off the UM Hawks.

Phone Pals triumph

LAOAG CITY–Talk 'N Text leaned on Asi Taulava in the fourth quarter to subdue Purefoods, 78-75, Saturday night in the PBA Selecta All-Filipino Cup at the Ilocos Norte Centennial Arena. Taulava scored 15 of his team's 17 fourth quarter points to power the Phone Pals to their second win in four outings. The 6-foot-9 center finished with 33 points, 15 rebounds, six assists, three blocks and two steals.

Here's one for Bert & Sammy

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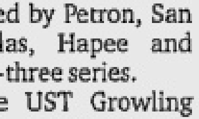

Al S. Mendoza

BERT Bravo and Sammy Esguerra will drop everything in the name of golf. Their commonality ends there, though.

Bert doesn't smoke, Sammy chain-smokes. Bert sips wine, Sammy takes only coffee, the brew that literally links both gentlemen.

Sammy loves coffee the way Ramon Jacinto loves to sing rock n' roll. What's a morning without coffee? France without wine. Japan without sake. Korea without *kimchi*. Greece without Parthenon.

Since Sammy had his first cup of coffee at Caffe Appassionato, he's become addicted to the joint owned by Bert. Each time he goes there, Sammy heads straight to the "Smoking Room Only" area and promptly orders the Blue Mountain blend to wash down his cheesy, creamy *ensaymada*.

"I don't know," Sammy tells me a while back. "I can't resist it."

On his way out, he never forgets to order a bag of *ensaymada*.

Bert and Sammy will not see each other this week. Golf's the culprit. Bert will be at Riviera's Couples, where his U-BIX-Riviera National Pro-Am will be held Nov. 12-16. Sammy will be at Sta. Elena starting this week to oversee preparations for the Architects Golf Classic, which he founded in 1992. Bert's tournament will be held on Nov. 18.

"It's a commitment," says Bert of his P1-million tournament, which he helped put up with Konica Corporation of Japan last year. "My modest way of sharing life's blessings with our nation's pros and amateurs."

The new Revo will be staked as a hole-in-one prize in the VIP-Celebrity on Nov. 12, and the Toyota Altis 1.8 in the four-day U-BIX Riviera event.

Sammy's tournament will again feature its one-of-a-kind come-on: four holes each on selected three par-3s where four prizes per green are staked as holes-in-one prizes. Prizes include a BMG solar heater and the P1.4-M Ford Venture.

"The beauty of my baby," Sammy says, "is that except for the Venture, all holes-in-one prizes will be raffled if they are not won during the tournament."

Here's a glass to the both of you, guys.

LAILA Ali (right) lands a right to the face of Valerie Mahfood. AP

Laila Ali captures 3 world titles

LAS VEGAS—Laila Ali used a dominating left jab and straight right hand, and scored a knockout over Valerie Mahfood in the eighth round to win their super middleweight title bout Friday night.

Ali (13-0, 10 KO), of Las Vegas, walked into the ring at the Stratosphere with one title belt and walked out with three. The 24-year-old daughter of Muhammad Ali now holds the IBA, IWBF and WIBA super middleweight titles.

The 28-year-old Mahfood (13-5, 7 KO), of Port Arthur, Texas, was unable to get inside Ali's constant left jab and straight right hand. She weighs 161 pounds (72.45 kilograms).

Ali, who weighs 167 pounds (75.15 kilograms), used a pair of four-punch combinations in the second round to bloody Mahfood's nose and closed round four with a big left hook to the body and a three-punch combination to the head.

In the eighth round, Ali came out stalking Mahfood and midway through the round began throwing left-right-left combinations that sent Mahfood reeling to the ropes.

Referee Joe Cortez jumped in and stopped the bout at 1:14, after the second flurry. *AP*

Fistorama over RPN 9

FISTORAMA today features light-flyweight Roger Mananquil and Rene Banares in 10 rounds over RPN 9 at 12 noon. The fight will be supported by another light flyweight bout between Dondon Salado and Jojo Pateno in four rounds. The popular weekly boxing show is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and spotlights top sportscaster Ed Picson, analyst Quinito Henson and boxing legendary commentator, Taby Tabaniag.

Joey wins; RP bows to Slovakia

BLED, Slovenia—GM Joey Antonio scored at the top board, but the Philippine men's team still yielded to Slovakia, 2.5-1.5, on Friday in the 35th Chess Olympiad here.

Antonio, taking over GM Eugene Torre's place, defeated Super GM Sergei Movsesian to lighten the impact of the twin losses absorbed by GM Bong Villamayor and newly installed IM Petronio Roca to Super GM Lubomir Ftacnik and GM Jun Plachetka, respectively.

Teenage sensation Mark Paragua drew with GM Gennady Timoshenko for the final count that gave the Filipinos 29 points, good for a tie for 33rd to 35th places in the 141-team field.

The Philippines tangle with Bangladesh, toting 28.5 points, in the 14th and final round Saturday.

Philippine team captain Sammy Estimo said there's nothing to be ashamed of the defeat because Slovakia was in the Top 10 before it tumbled to 20th place following a lopsided loss to Israel in the 12th round.

Handling white, Antonio (Elo 2507) obtained a passed pawn on the c-file, forcing Movsesian (Elo 2651) to give up his knight and the game in 69 moves of a Sicilian Alapin.

Villamayor (Elo 2503) bowed to Ftachnik (2603) in 67 moves of a Queen's Gambit while Roca (Elo 2423) lost to Plachetka (Elo 2444).

Powerhouse Russia continues to pace the men's division with 36.5 points, followed by Hungary with 34.5.

In the women's division, the Filipinas were beaten by the Sri Lankans, 2-1, and were tied for 56th to 62nd places with 18.5 points.

Roy Luarca

Philam gets citation

ADIDAS Philippines has cited the support of the Philam Homes Tennis Club in Quezon City, which winds up today its hosting of the 4th leg of the nationwide adidas Tennis Challenge.

The event is being handled by club president Levi Castillo and organized by CTW with support from Milo and Sports Kids.

Legaspi powers Blu past LBC

STANDINGS	W	L
Welcoat	1	0
Blu	1	0
Cheeseballs/Shark	1	0
Dazz	1	0
LBC/Batangas	1	1
Montaña	1	1
John O	0	2
Sunkist	0	1
ICTSI/La Salle	0	1

GAMES TOMORROW (*Pasig Sports Center*)
3 p.m.–Sunkist vs ICTSI
5 p.m.– Welcoat vs Cheese Balls-Shark

By Marc Anthony Reyes

MARLON Legaspi scored 19 points and grabbed five rebounds yesterday as Blu All Purpose demolished LBC-Batangas Blades, 93-75, in the 2002 PBL Challenge Cup at the Pasig Sports Center.

Legaspi, the 6-foot-5 MVP during the recent PBL-CBF tourney in Cebu, also got a lot of help from teammates Eric dela Cuesta, Lou Gatumbato, Aries Dimaunahan and Arnold Calo as Blu imposed its experience over the opening-day winner.

Blu even missed John Ferriols and Allen Patrimonio, whose contract negotiations are still going on, according to coach Leo Isaac.

Making up for their absence were Dela Cuesta, who made 17 points, Gatumbato and Dimaunahan who chipped in 16 and 12 points, respectively. Calo added eight points and six rebounds.

John-O banked on the endgame sharpness of Gary David and Christian Coronel to defeat Montaña Pawnshop, 85-82, in the second game.

David scored 21 points and pulled down 10 rebounds as the Jewelers climbed to 1-1, while inflicting John-O's second loss in as many games.

Scores:

Blu 93– Legaspi 19, De la Cuesta 17, Gatumbato 16, Dimaunahan 12, Calo 8, Prior 7, Gamboa 6, Latoreno 6, Mendez 2, Garcia 0, Codamon 0, Machica 0, Coquilla 0B

LBC 75–Compton 22, Magpayo 13, Rivera 11, Roldan 8, Baguion 4, Capati 4, Caceres 3, Cuevas 2, San Diego 2, Manabat 2, Reguera 2, Uy 2, De Castro 0, Sta. Cruz 0, Ariel de Castro 0.

Quarterscores: 20-18; 45-37; 68-59; 93-75.

Bohol to host nat'l jr cagefest

THE BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines will hold the National Junior Championship in the municipality of Calate in Bohol as part of its grassroots development program.

BAP secretary general Graham Lim yesterday said Calate Mayor Ernesto Herrera II has agreed to host the event slated Nov. 16-21.

Other prime movers of the National Juniors are BAP Region VII director George Bragat and vice president for Visayas Dodong Aquino with assistance from Basketball Referees Commission for Bohol commissioner Bobong Madangit.

Lim said the BAP expects a minimum of six and a maximum of 10 teams to compete, including the RP Youth-Burlington team of coach Johnny Tam. *Roy Luarca*

Chinese, Indian Union Cement finalists

FIFTH seed Wang I-ting of Chinese Taipei and No. 16 Sania Mirza of India scored similar wins yesterday to reach the finals of the US$10,000 Union Cement-ITF Philippines Women's Circuit 1 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Wang, a quarterfinalist in the Busan Asian Games, conquered second seed and world's No. 571 Khoo Chin Bee of Malaysia, 6-4, 6-2 while Mirza defeated wild card Ivanna Israilova of Uzbeksitan, 6-4, 6-2.

"It will be a tough match in the finals. I've seen her (Mirza) semifinal match. She's a power player and she plays smart," said the 20-year-old Wang, ranked No. 604 in the world.

Venus ousts Monica, battles Kim next

LOS ANGELES—Second-seeded Venus Williams saved 10 of 13 break points and beat No. 6 Monica Seles 7-5, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the WTA Championships on Friday night.

Williams will play No. 5 Kim Clijsters on Sunday in the semifinals of the season-ending tournament that determines the WTA Tour's final rankings.

Clijsters beat No. 4 Justine Henin 6-2, 6-1 in an all-Belgian quarterfinal.

Seles was clearly the favorite of the crowd at Staples Center, where she saved seven match points in beating Lindsay Davenport in the first round. *AP*

Problems and solutions

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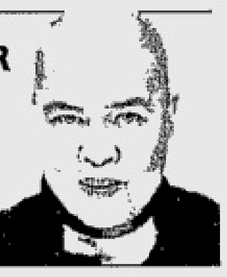

Edwin Villanueva

(THE PHILIPPINE Racing Commission is requesting all owners whose horses are running in the 7th Marho-SMB Breeders' Cup this coming week to be present at the Santa Ana Park. Chairman Jimmy Dilag said the Philracom is giving away a "special gift" for each of them if they personally receive the awards for their winning entries)

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Here's the continuation of reader Ed Banes' problems and solutions in local horse racing:

- PROBLEM: Handicapping
- SOLUTION: (1) Handicappers should be by committee, instead of one man, for check and balance purposes. (2) Limit the number of races during weekdays to 8, and 9 or 10 on weekends. This way, there will be more horses to pick from in balancing one group of horses. (3) Improve the way horses are moved up or down the next group, to avoid unfair competition.
- PROBLEM: Excited racehorse announcers and hard-to-view numbers while horses are running.
- SOLUTION: (1) Color-code the mantles on the saddle of every horse. Example: red for # 1, white for #2, blue for #3 and so on. (3) Train the announcers not only on how to call the race, but also on how to control their emotions. No grandstanding, please.
- PROBLEM: Owners who put other names as owners, so that they can avoid being coupled (A or B).
- SOLUTION: Both clubs, with the cooperation of Philracom, can put a stop to this practice.
- PROBLEM: Jockeys who are brothers and riding in the same race.
- SOLUTION: Because there is conflict of interest, to avoid any suspicion of race fixing, brothers should not be allowed to ride in the same race.
- PROBLEM: Horse owners who are also members of the racing commission
- SOLUTION: Disqualify them from being members of the commission

Sincerely,
Ed Banes

Richest PCSO race slated Dec. 22

THE BEST gallopers in the land take their stab at local racing's holy grail as they vie for the blue-ribbon PCSO Presidential Gold Cup, the country's richest and most prestigious horse race set to flag-off on Dec. 22 at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

The final day of nomination to the said classic has been set on Nov. 19 with a P15,000.00 fee and the final day of declaration on Nov. 22 at P20,000 per entry at the PCSO Draw and Races Department.

The country's top thoroughbreds battle it out for the 30th renewal of the coveted Gold Cup Race as the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office simultaneously holds the inaugural draw of its multi-million 7-Digit Sweepstakes.

DON JUAN DERBY WINNER
Horse trainer Edwin Vittali, representing horse owner Robert Liong, receives the Klub Don Juan Derby trophy from PCSO PR & Publicity Department Manager Manny Garcia following the victory of Free Wind in the race held recently at the San Lazaro Hippodrome. Also shown are Philracom Chair Jimmy Dilag, Albert Trinidad and Martin Cepeda.

RACING TIPS

AT SAN LAZARO
BY MR. 999

Race 1–1. Profit Master 2. Virgin Blue 3. Up Rising 4. Dynamic JL
Race 2–1. Precious Stone 2. Living Legend 3. Bold Lucky
Race 3–1. Ounce of Gold 2. Rosa Valentina 3. Front Page
Race 4–1. Search for Gold 2. Manila Miss 3. King Cobra
Race 5–1. Imperial Seal 2. Sir Lancelot 3. Blown Away
Race 6–1. Explorer 2. Rose in Bloom 3. Sealed With A Kiss
Race 7–1. Cruiser 2. Ocean Dignity
Race 8–1. Cavite Starlet 2. Heart of Mine/Long Hitter 3. Audrey's Temper 4. Ride the Lightning
Race 9–1. Winning Prize 2. Aim for Gold 3. Ocean Magic
Race 10–1. Flying Machine 2. Sweet Topic 3. Top Bullet
Race 11–1. Magical Surf 2. Highly Connected 3. Morning Glory 4. Silver Lining
Race 12–1. Khan Caloo 2. Cat's Bells 3. Legend of Gala 4. Bye Bye baby 5. Gifted Guest
Race 13–1. Siete de Marso 2. Maralex 3. Summit POwer
Race 14–1. San Diego Force 2. Schumacher 3. Super Dancer 4. Advance Party 5. Miguel's Pet 6. Final Verdict

SPORTSTV

Compiled by L. Manguiat

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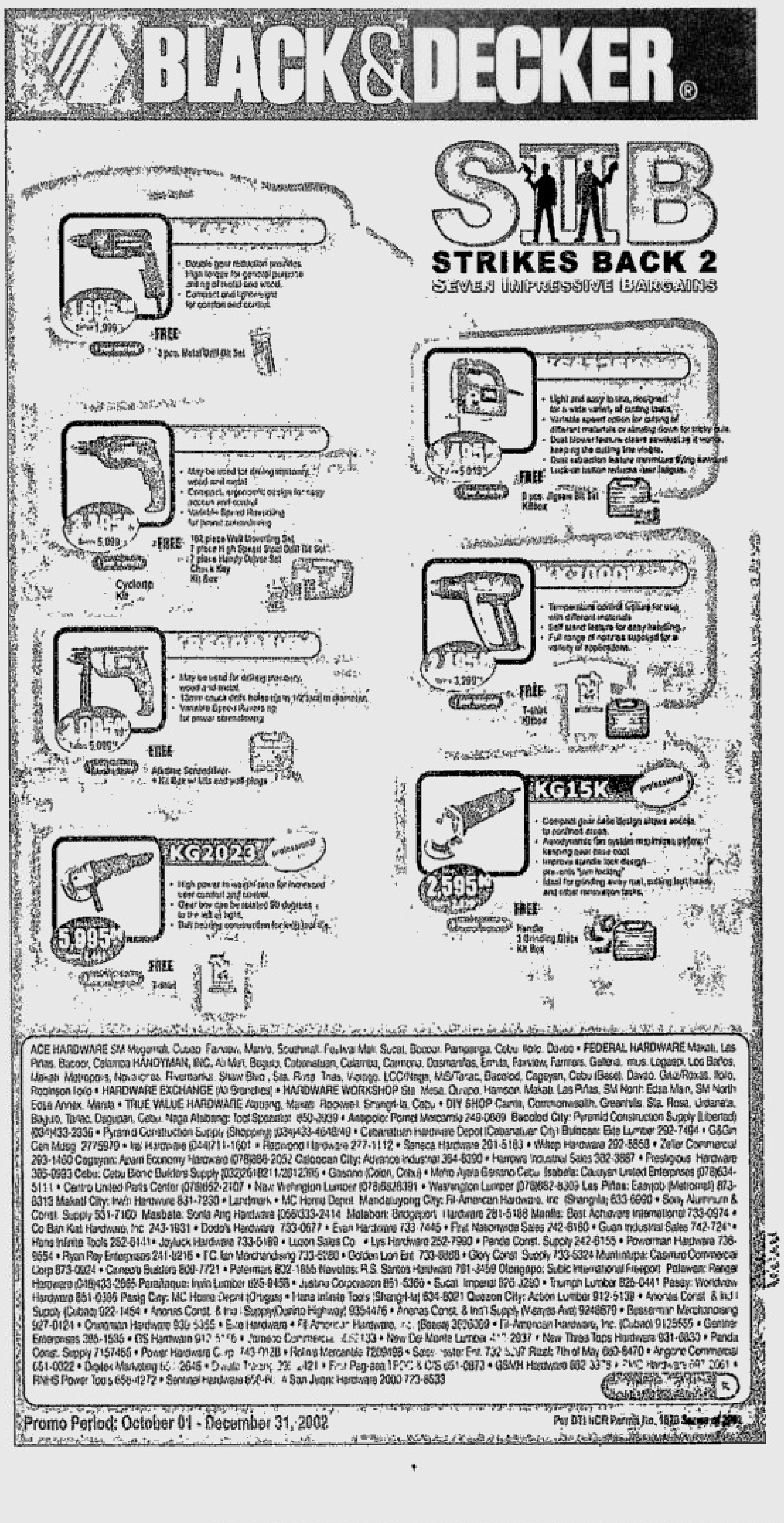

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Red Bull eyes 4th win vs San Mig

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San Miguel	2	1
Ginebra	2	2
Alaska	2	2
Talk N Text	1	2
Sta. Lucia	1	2
Shell	1	2
FedEx	0	4

GAMES TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
3:45 p.m.–Shell vs Sta. Lucia
5:45 p.m.–Red Bull vs San Miguel

By June Navarro

EVERY time Batang Red Bull meets San Miguel Beer, players from both sides see it as the toughest match of the conference.

So better expect these cagers to play their hearts out when the Thunder, back-to-back Commissioner's Cup champions, and the multi-titled Beermen cross paths today in the Selecta-PBA All Filipino Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

"We cannot deny it. There's always color whenever we play Red Bull," said San Miguel Beer coach Jong Uichico.

"It dates back to last year's Commissioner's Cup when we had a highly physical encounter," Red Bull mentor Yeng Guiao replied.

Things, however, will be quite different when they face each other in the 7:30 p.m. mainer since both squads clash head-on without the aid of imports.

Shell, meanwhile, hopes to sustain its new-found confidence against Sta. Lucia Realty in the curtain-raiser at 3:45 p.m. The Turbo Chargers (1-2) broke into the win-column after stunning Talk N Text, 67-64.

Fil-foreign cagers Davonn Harp and Mick Pennisi make a formidable duo in the frontline for the Thunder.

UICHICO

With skipper Jimwell Torion out for the next two weeks due to a left knee injury, Anton Villoria and Willie Miller will alternate in the point for Red Bull while Lordy Tugade and Junthy Valenzuela take on their roles in the perimeter.

They were chiefly responsible for the Thunder's league-leading 3-0 record but still, Guiao isn't satisfied.

"I'm still not happy with the way we're playing. The cohesion and the smoothness are not there. I'm a little worried that if we play a good team on a good night we'll be facing some problems," said Guiao.

The Thunder barely survived the Sta. Lucia Realtors, 66-58, after pulling two escape acts against Coca-Cola and Alaska.

"With the matchups almost equal, we'll just have to play our usual game. Victory depends on the way we execute against Red Bull," said Uichico.

Dorian Pena, Danny Ildefonso, Olsen Racela, Dondon Hontiveros, Nic Belasco and Boybits Victoria have been successful in putting the Beermen on a third-running 2-1 record after edging the Aces, 64-63, last week.

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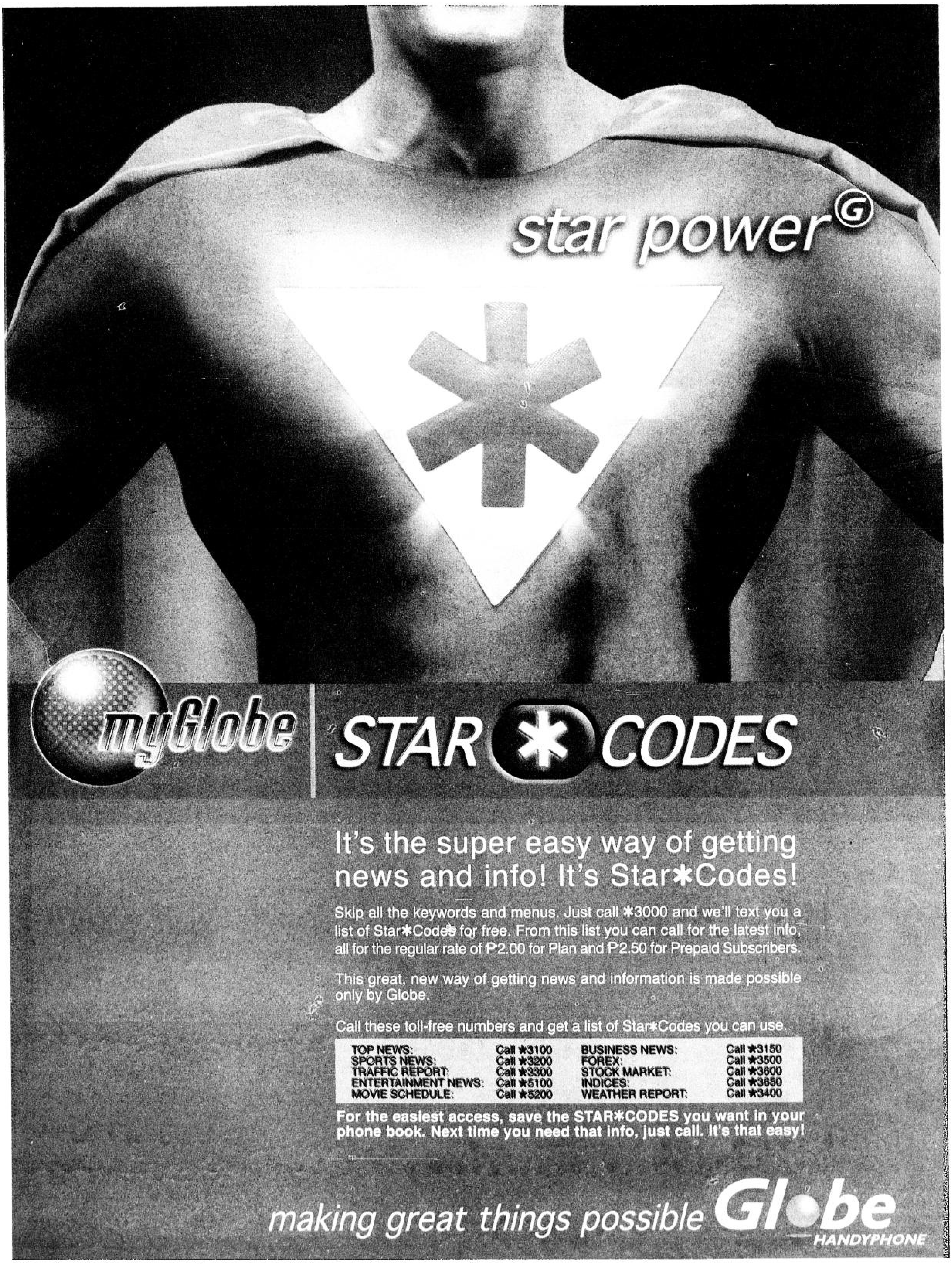

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■ Bulaong: 95% crime solution in Manila /A24

SANTA'S IN TOWN! These children, who went with their parents to a weekend bazaar in Quezon City, knew which stall to visit—the one filled with Santa Claus and other Christmas decor items. It's 45 days before Christmas!

JOAN BONDOC

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Tuadles killer has lung tumor

ANTONIO

PDI PHOTO

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE MAN convicted of killing former Philippine Basketball Association star Arnulfo "Arnie" Tuadles has been confined at the Makati Medical Center for about a month now due to a lung tumor, according to Bureau of Corrections Director Ricardo Macala.

Macala, who was in Mindanao yesterday, said in a telephone interview that Alberto "Ambet" Antonio, former chair of the Games and Amusements Board, was allowed to be confined at the Makati Med after Antonio's doctors found a lump growing in his lungs.

"He was hospitalized about a month ago," Macala said. "Antonio is a medium security prisoner. All such prisoners, regardless of their names, are allowed to be confined in a hospital if necessary."

A check with the MMC revealed that Antonio is still in the hospital.

Antonio's stay at the MMC has been extended for several weeks upon his doctors' advice, the director added.

Antonio was convicted of the murder of Tuadles and received a life sentence. But after a review, the Supreme Court ruled that Antonio was guilty of homicide, which has a minimum penalty of 14 years imprisonment.

Antonio is thus considered a medium security prisoner, Macala explained.

He added that since Antonio has served almost seven years of his sentence, he would be eligible for parole in three years, especially since he has been an exemplary inmate.

Text messages circulated Friday night said

TUADLES/ A24

2 in 'unusual apprehension' in Muntinlupa

A PAIR of barn owls will no longer have to live in cages after members of the Muntinlupa Public Order and Safety Office (Poso) recently retrieved the endangered birds that were allegedly purchased without the necessary papers.

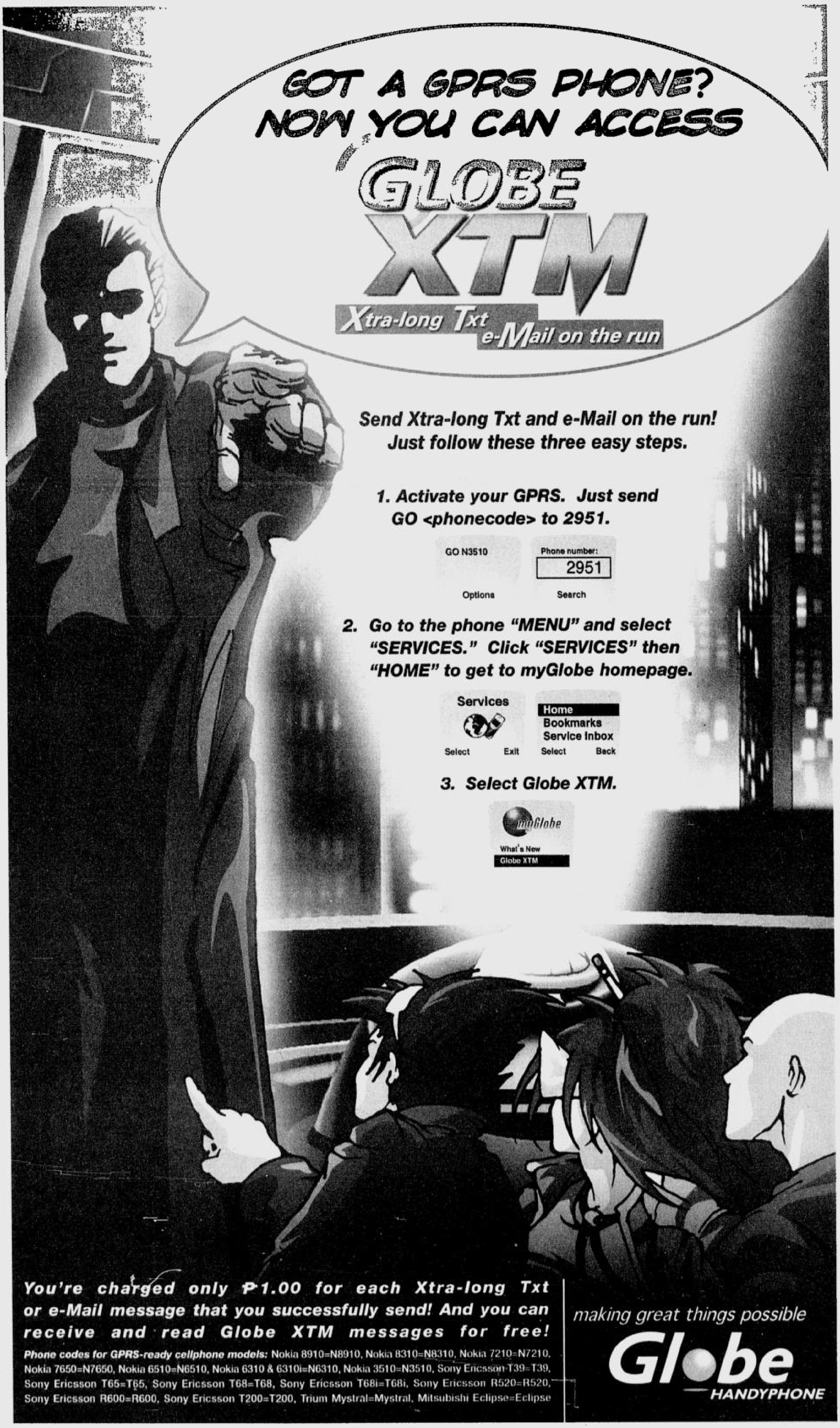
"I wish to commend our Public Order and Safety Office for this unusual but nonetheless important apprehension," Mayor Jaime Fresnedi said in a press statement. "The operation may have netted only two birds, but it's a score against the illegal trade of birds and wildlife that has severely affected our environment."

He said Poso field men Rolando Navarro Jr., Rogelio Dais and Cesar Diang were monitoring traffic flow at the Alabang intersection when they chanced upon a man carrying the owls in small cages.

The Poso agents learned that the birds had no papers. The owls were allegedly bought in Calamba, Laguna, and were supposed to be delivered to a private collector in Las Piñas.

The man voluntarily surrendered the birds after learning that the illegal possession of wildlife is punishable by law.

The Poso men turned over the owls to the Office of the Mayor.



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POLICEMEN AS FARMERS

NCRPO to convert idle land into farms

By Alcuin Papa

THE LEADERSHIP of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) wants to turn policemen into farmers to keep them away from illegal activities.

The NCRPO yesterday said it would convert 12 hectares of idle land inside the sprawling Camp Bagong Diwa in Bicutan, Taguig into farmlands.

The NCRPO chief, Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco, said the land conversion is part of the NCRPO's livelihood program to provide police officers with means to earn more income and to turn them away from illegal activities like extortion.

"What better use is there for a large tract of idle land in Camp Bagong Diwa than to cultivate it for agriculture," said Velasco.

He said the program inside Camp Bagong Diwa, the NCRPO's headquarters, is also aimed at ensuring that Metro Manila policemen could obtain the technical know-how in setting up a farm which they could use even after they retire from the service.

Already, members of the Filipino-Chinese business community have pledged to donate equipment and the technical know-how to set up the project. The Department of Agriculture has also pledged to donate organic fertilizer and seedlings to start the project.

Velasco stressed that the agricultural technology used in the project would involve the use of organic fertilizer and no harmful chemicals would be used.

Raising livestock would eventually be part of the project, Velasco added.

The project is patterned after the conversion of Camp Salipada Pendatun in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, in a 160-hectare camp in Parang, Maguindanao, which was successfully transformed into a model sustainable agri-aqua farm where policemen and their dependents were trained to earn in agriculture, livestock and fishery.

Bulaong: 95% crime solution rate in Manila

By Jerome Aning

THE CRIME rate in Manila rose by more than 40 percent during the first 100 days in office of Western Police District director Senior Supt. Pedro Bulaong, according to his report.

But the good news is that 1,007 of the 1,059 criminal cases that took place between July 29 and Nov. 8 were solved.

In his accomplishment report, Bulaong also reported that no bank robbery or kidnapping occurred in Manila during that period.

The 95.09 percent crime solution efficiency rate during Bulaong's first 100 days was a little higher than the 94.94 percent registered in the same period last year.

Index crimes—such as murder, robbery with homicide and other heinous crimes—rose by 13.21 percent, but 95 percent of them were solved, Bulaong's report showed.

The WPD recorded 39 car theft cases, of which 32 cars were recovered and nine persons arrested.

Manila policemen also carried out 766 anti-drug operations. The WPD arrested 977 people—809 of them users—and filed 520 cases.

Seized during the operations were a total of 1.74 kilos of shabu and 15.5 grams of marijuana that were contained in three "teabags."

Thirteen people were arrested and charged for illegal possession of firearms.

The WPD conducted 509 operations against illegal gambling, resulting in the arrest of 455 people and the seizure of 35 video kareras and P40,823.55 in betting money. The police filed 363 cases.

Bulaong took over the WPD after his predecessor was sacked for failing to eradicate the illegal numbers game "jueteng" in the capital.

The report did not contain figures on the number of prostitutes arrested or the nightspots raided.

The accomplishment record also contained miscellaneous reports of policemen such as open manholes, busted streetlights, uncollected garbage, defective traffic lights and flooded areas.

But there are no figures for policemen accused of extortion, misconduct and other criminal offenses.

One of the significant accomplishments of the WPD was the arrest two weeks ago of Jerry Minalang, a suspect in the bombing of a passenger bus in Balintawak, Quezon City.

Victor Macaldo, the suspected killer of former Councilor Chika Go was arrested on Sept. 1. He was shot dead a few weeks later while trying to escape.

Bulaong embarked on a three-point program known as PIT, which stands for Patrol, Investigation and Traffic and Order Maintenance.

According to the report, the WPD director intensified the beat patrol system, reactivated the detective bureau composed of the so-called "sekretas," and strengthened the District Follow-up Section.

A citizen police unit called "Police Trackers," was also formed. It is composed of professional volunteers who use their personal resources and capabilities to provide public safety services and assistance.

A new office called the Intelligence Operations Center was set up to help in the campaign against crime and terrorism.

The WPD also formulated two implementation plans, or "Implans," dubbed "Agap" and "Oklahoma."

"Implan Agap" details preventive measures to be taken in case of a communist or terrorist attack on police installations.

"Implan Oklahoma" sets forth the conduct of operations in the event of a terrorist strike on private and government installations.

"The present leadership continues to institute changes, emphas(izing) more on the attitudes and skills development of its members," Bulaong said.

Discounts for LP tax payers

LAS PIÑAS City Mayor Vergel "Nene" Aguilar has offered a 20 percent tax discount on land and building taxes due next year if payments are made before the Christmas holidays.

Owners of commercial establishments are given a 10-percent discount on advance payments of the same taxes.

Aguilar said in a statement that the discount is offered every year to enable residents to pay lesser tax, to avoid inconvenience during tax payment deadlines and to spare them from paying fines for late payments.

The statement said that under Aguilar, the Las Piñas city government has been successful in its local revenue collections for the past five years despite the hard times.

Las Piñas City Treasurer Rizal del Rosario said that with the steady tax collection, the city government is able to provide quality and efficient public services such as free quality health care, efficient garbage collection, well-paved roads, improved peace and order, free college and vocational education and free hospitalization.

Del Rosario pointed out that tax payers are served bottomless coffee and juice in an air-conditioned taxpayer's lounge while transacting business with the city government staff. He said this has also encouraged residents to pay their tax obligations early.

THE BEST SCOUTS

Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, who is also the national president of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, pins the award on Roju Sandino Ilagan of Baguio City during a ceremony honoring the country's 10 outstanding boy scouts, winners of a nationwide search.

'GMA 50' medicines sold 23-85% cheaper in Metro Manila

A TOTAL of 38 imported quality medicines that cost 23 to 85 percent cheaper than retail prices are being sold in at least 20 hospitals in Metro Manila as part of President Macapagal-Arroyo's program for cheap medicines for the poor, or "GMA 50."

Records from the Department of Health showed that among the cheap medicines and their cheaper prices are Bactrim 800 160 mg (P5.07 against P24), Bactrim 400 80 mg (P2.80 against P18.75), Augmentin 375 (P51.19) against P66.65), Augmentin 625 (P63.47 against P86), Bricanyl tabs 2.5 mg (P3.60 against P7.92), Bricanyl 5 mg (P5.85 against P17.61);

Ventolin 100 mg inhaler (P159.60 against P304), Ventolin 100 ml syrup (P72.08 against P134.81), Immodium (4.73 against P9.25), Buscopan 10 mg (4.83 against P8.95), Adalat Retard 20 mgs (P5.75 against P36.13), Phexin 250 mg (P11.81 against P17.25), Phexin 500 mg (P21.53 against P31.50);

Euglucon 500 mg (P5.20 against P9.25), Lopid 300 mg (P19.16 against P34.50), Lopid 600 mg (P38.33 against P63.93), Isordil 500 mg (P2.60 against P10.40), Betaloc 50 mg (P4.67 against P9.70), Betaloc 100 mg (P8.18 against P16.93);

Tanormin 50 mg (P8.69 against P19.20), Ponstan 250 mg (P5.40 against P11), Ponstan 500 mg (P8.65 against P19.70), Tegretol 200 mg (P5.40 against P16.13) and Tegretol CR 400 mg (P11.13 against P34.10.).

Participating hospitals include the Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, Fabella Memorial Hospital, San Lazaro Hospital and Tondo Medical Center in Manila; Quirino Memorial Medical Center, Lung Center, National Kidney and Transplant Institute, Philippine Children's Medical Center, East Avenue Medical Center, Philippine Orthopedic Hospital and National Children's Hospital in Quezon City;

Valenzuela General Hospital, Amang Rodriguez Medical Center in Marikina, Dr. Jose Rodriguez Memorial Hospital in Caloocan City, Las Piñas District Hospital, National Center for Mental Health in Mandaluyong, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine in Alabang, Muntinlupa, Rizal Medical Center in Pasig City, San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital in Santolan, Malabon, and Taguig-Pateros District Hospital in Taguig.

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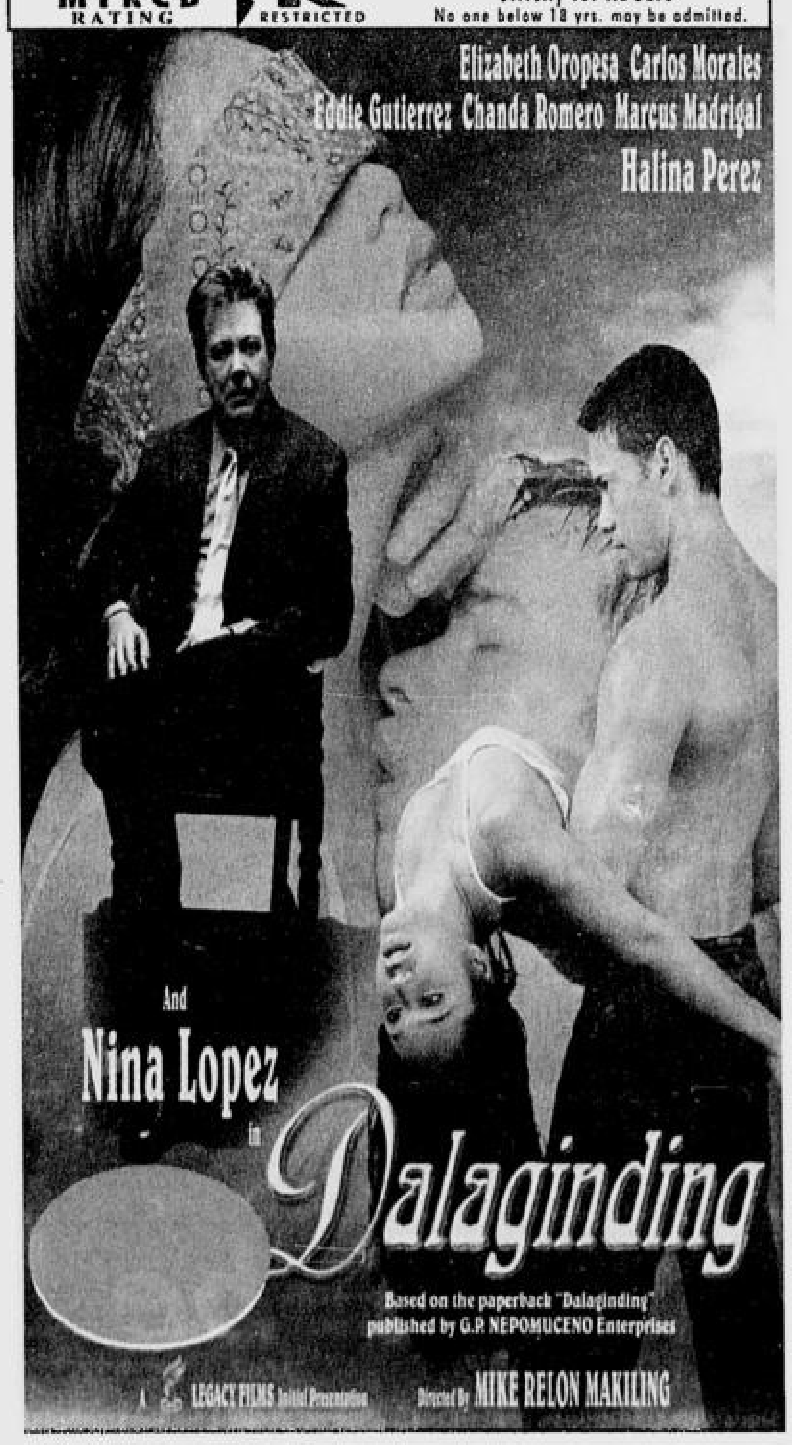
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Man's leg found on Quezon City street

A MAN'S severed leg was found on a busy thoroughfare in Quezon City early yesterday, Police are investigating the possibility that it belonged to a victim of a summary execution.

Security guard Almer Amigig of the Lung Center of the Philippines told police that he was doing his routine patrol of the facility when he found the leg at about 4:30 a.m. on Quezon Avenue in Barangay Central.

Amigig immediately called for police assistance.

Investigators said the leg definitely belonged to a man and that the man was probably summarily executed and his body cut up.

Police were still investigating the discovery.

Alcuin Papa

Tuadles killer has lung tumor

From page A23

Antonio's bodyguards were drinking and smoking outside his hospital room. The INQUIRER went to the MMC that night and found no guard outside his room.

On Nov. 2, 1996, Antonio shot Tuadles inside the exclusive IBC Club on Wilson Street in Greenhills, San Juan. The 6-foot-1 Tuadles, who used to play for Toyota, took a bullet between the eyes.

The shooting was over a gambling dispute with Antonio.

Antonio, accompanied by former San Juan mayor and family friend Jinggoy Estrada, surrendered to the police nine hours after the shooting. Antonio had said the shooting was an accident and that the basketball star grabbed the gun first.

The IBC Club, also known as Club 419, was reportedly owned by then Vice President Joseph Estrada.

Estrada's birthday falls on April 19, or 4-19.

There were speculations that Estrada was present during the shooting, but he denied this, saying he was in Tagaytay at that time.

Youth freed after Where Else abduction

By Leila B. Salaverria

FOUR ARMED men allegedly abducted a Filipino-Chinese youth outside a popular disco in Makati City early on Friday.

Lawrence L. Yu, 21, was later released after giving his abductors money, Yu told police.

Yu, of Marikina City, told Makati police on Friday night he and his girlfriend had just left Where Else disco at the Ayala Center at 1 a.m. on Nov. 7 when four men surrounded them and forced them into a car.

Yu's girlfriend did not file a complaint, police said.

The suspects drove away with Yu and his girlfriend, Yu told police. The suspects then asked for money in exchange for their release.

Police said Yu had hinted that the suspects had asked for hundreds of thousands of pesos, although it was not clear if he was able to give them that amount.

The men released him and his girlfriend also in Makati.

Police said Yu could not say exactly where he and his girlfriend were set free because he was unfamiliar with the area.

Police are waiting for Yu to return and give a full statement.

Show name plates, or get fired

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE NOOSE is tightening around the necks of *kotong* cops.

After prohibiting traffic enforcers without name plates from apprehending erring motorists, Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando said enforcers caught not wearing their name plates would face termination of their services.

"The penalty is to terminate them at the first offense," Fernando said. "It's because the intention (to mulct or deceive motorists) is there."

He said name plates must be kept in view at all times so that motorists would be able to identify the enforcers in case they have complaints against them.

When an enforcer wears a raincoat or any other outer garment that might cover his name plate, he must make sure that the motorists will see his name, Fernando said.

"If your name plate is under your raincoat (and you are apprehending a motorist), then open your coat and show him your name," the MMDA chair said.

Motorists have complained of traffic enforcers who ask for money in exchange for letting them off the hook for traffic violations.

De la Fuente, 66

DANTE de la Fuente, son of former Manila Mayor Manuel dela Fuente, died at the UST Hospital yesterday morning after a lingering illness. He was 66.

De la Fuente was a pianist and voice teacher who tutored many singers.

He is survived by sister Dr. Amelia de la Fuente-Fajardo, brother Hector de la Fuente, nephews and nieces who lived with him at the De la Fuente residence at 485 Verdad St., Sampaloc, Manila, where his late father and mother Dominga used to entertain prominent social and political personalities in their time.

His remains lie in state at the St. Mark Funeral Home on G. Tuason Street, also in Sampaloc.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Romantic fantasy for women

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

MOVIEGOERS who fell in love with **Reese Witherspoon** in "Legally Blonde" may not be as smitten with her in "Sweet Home Alabama"—but that may not be entirely the actress' fault.

For one thing, she doesn't play a lovable bimbette in her new film. In fact, she's as hard-nosed and scheming as they come, a smalltown girl who's gone to the big city.

She's the fashion industry's hottest new designer, she's reinvented herself into a trendy sophisticate, she's "improved on" her family name, and she's about to marry the mayor's (**Candice Bergen**) son (**Patrick Dempsey**).

What more could an upwardly-mobile gal want? A divorce.—Huh?!

It turns out that our hokey heroine may have won the heart of the big city's most eligible bachelor, b.ut she herself isn't free to marry him, for the simple reason that she's left a husband back home in Alabama. And Hubby (**Josh Lucas**) doesn't want to give her a divorce.

So, she has no choice but to go back home to force him to capitulate. Well, does she? Much later in the story, it is revealed that she's the one who surrenders. That's nice and romantic and "love-conquers-all" and all that, but it would have been fun having a mayor for a mother-in-law!

Reese's character capitulates because she discovers that, for all of his rough, untidy, abrasive ways, the husband she left back home in Alabama is the one she really loves. And what about the mayor's son? Well, since he can't possibly like her "final answer," he'll just have to lump it.

This is what is too pat about "Sweet Home Alabama," that its male characters are such patsies for Reese. This a woman's picture—a woman's fantasy flick where problems are solved just in time to give the female lead everything she wants before the final fade. Life, of course, is nowhere as agreeable, and neither are many men as acquiescent.

So, "Sweet Home Alabama" works as a romantic fantasy, but not as a viewing experience that moviegoers can empathize or believe in.

More reality TV shows coming up

THE SUCCESS of some reality TV programs has encouraged producers to think up more of the same. The latest involves a bachelor who has the enjoyable problem of having to choose his dream date from a number of lovely aspirants.

A second show has daring neophytes being trained to do any number of dangerous jobs, like being a bullfighter, "milking" snakes for their venom, and performing in a circus as an animal trainer or as part of a high-wire act.

What's the appeal of reality TV shows? To viewers, the fact that the people they see on the screen aren't actors, so the risks they take are more compelling than the most "dangerous" stunts in action films.

For TV producers, it's the fact that, since they don't have to pay stars expensive fees, reality TV shows are generally cheaper to make than the usual TV sitcom or drama, and yet their viewership is sometimes as big as those star-oriented shows.

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Her absence . . .

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"I've been doing this for a long time *na*," John allows. "The only difference now is I'm getting paid for it. I'm a hundred percent Boy-oyong clown even when I'm not before the TV cameras or in front of an audience."

With his flair for comedy and gift of gab, making people laugh seems effortless for John.

"When you hear the applause, it's heaven and it's sensational. It's like sex, or even better."

While other people get the initial impression that he's a snob, John insists he's not.

"I just wish other people will know that I'm not *mataray* or *matapang*," he says.

Yet this comedian who is described by his friends as "tough" is a softie in real life.

"I easily cry," John allows. "I watched **Harrison Ford**'s movie, 'K-19' and I cried. I was watching **Bernadette Sembrano** in 'Wish Ko Lang' and I cried, too.

"But when I'm in front of the TV cameras, you cannot make me cry."

John is thankful for the many good breaks that come his way. Aside from the constant TV exposure he gets on ABS-CBN, he gets to dabble in film acting, too. He starred with the likes of Regine Velasquez and Jolina Magdangal and has proven to be the perfect comic foil for his female costars.

Onstage, John has sent audiences in stitches not just here but also abroad. He got stellar billing as **Sharon Cuneta**'s guest in Hong Kong last May. He also shared the stage with music icons **Kuh Ledesma** and **Basil Valdez** at the Grand Olympic Stadium in Los Angeles last September.

So it is not surprising why concert producer **Jacob Fernandez** is staking a whopping figure to mount John's first major show, "Dis Is It! D Universal Sweet Event," at the Folk Arts Theater on Nov. 16.

"Jacob told me this is long overdue and he believes I'm ready, so who am I to say no?," John says. "This kind of opportunity doesn't come everyday."

John is set to conquer the Folk Arts Theater stage but not without the jitters.

"This is something I haven't done before, so it's only natural that I'm worried," he maintains. "It's no joke to fill up a venue like the FAT. I know it's a risj, but I'll give my best and I'll do everything for the audience. After all, it's my night."

Joining him as special guests are **Ai-Ai de las Alas**, **Bing Loyzaga**, **Rufa Mae Quinto**, **Jessa Zaragoza**, **Bing Loyzaga**, **Dessa**, The Company, and **Christian Vasquez**. **Floy Quintos** directs from a script by **Ricky Lopez**.

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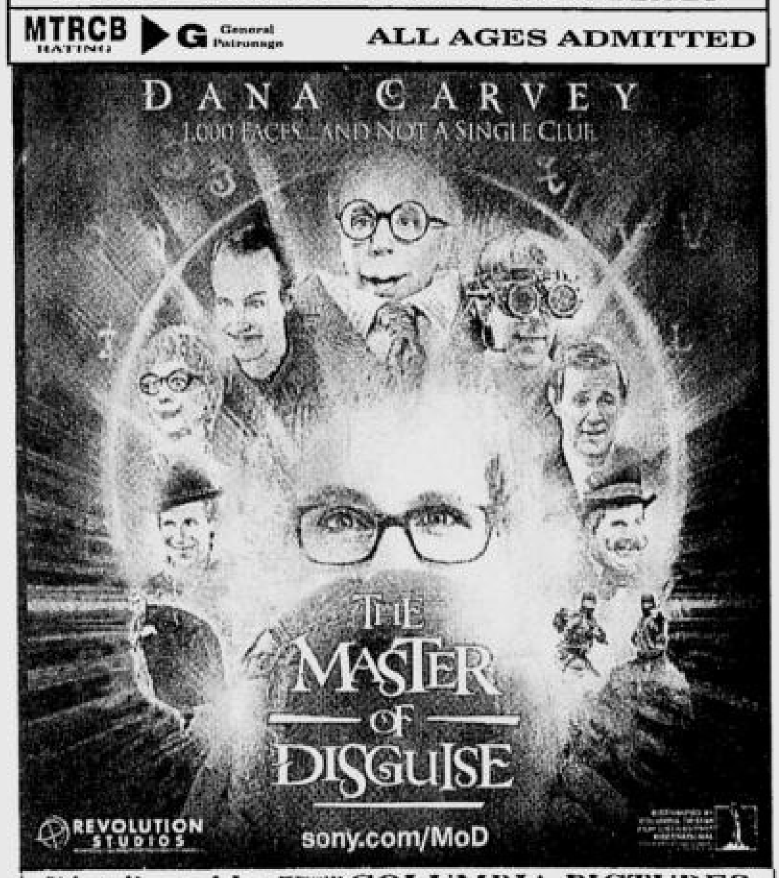

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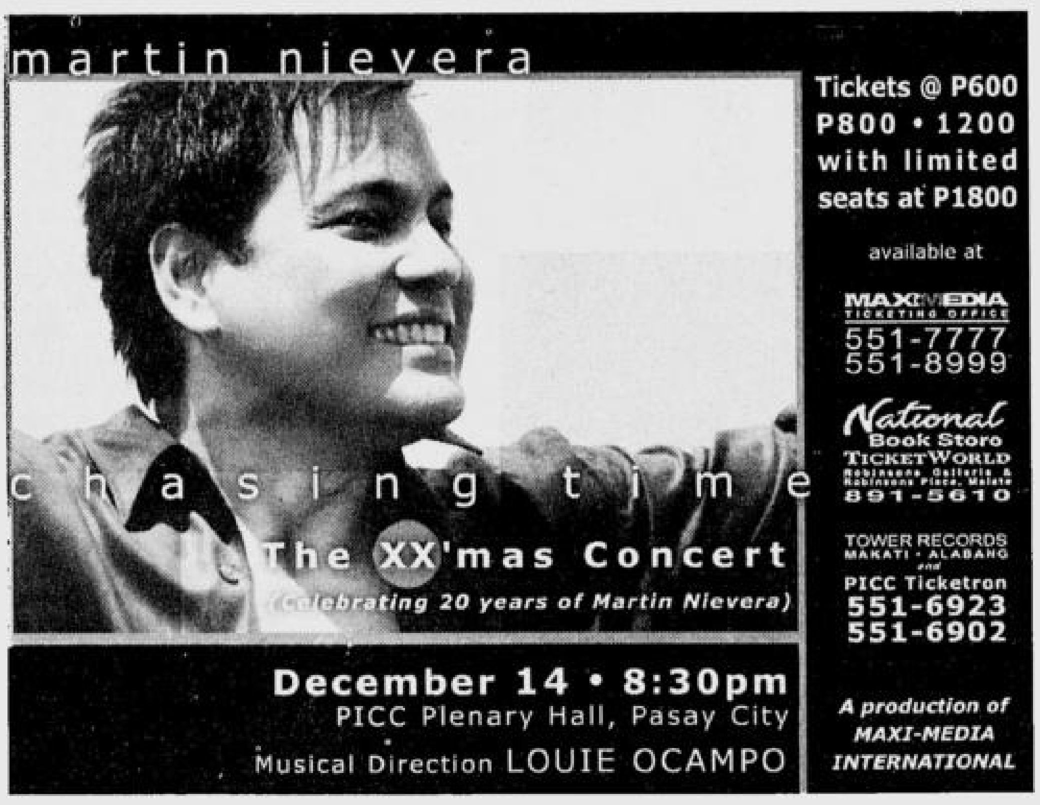

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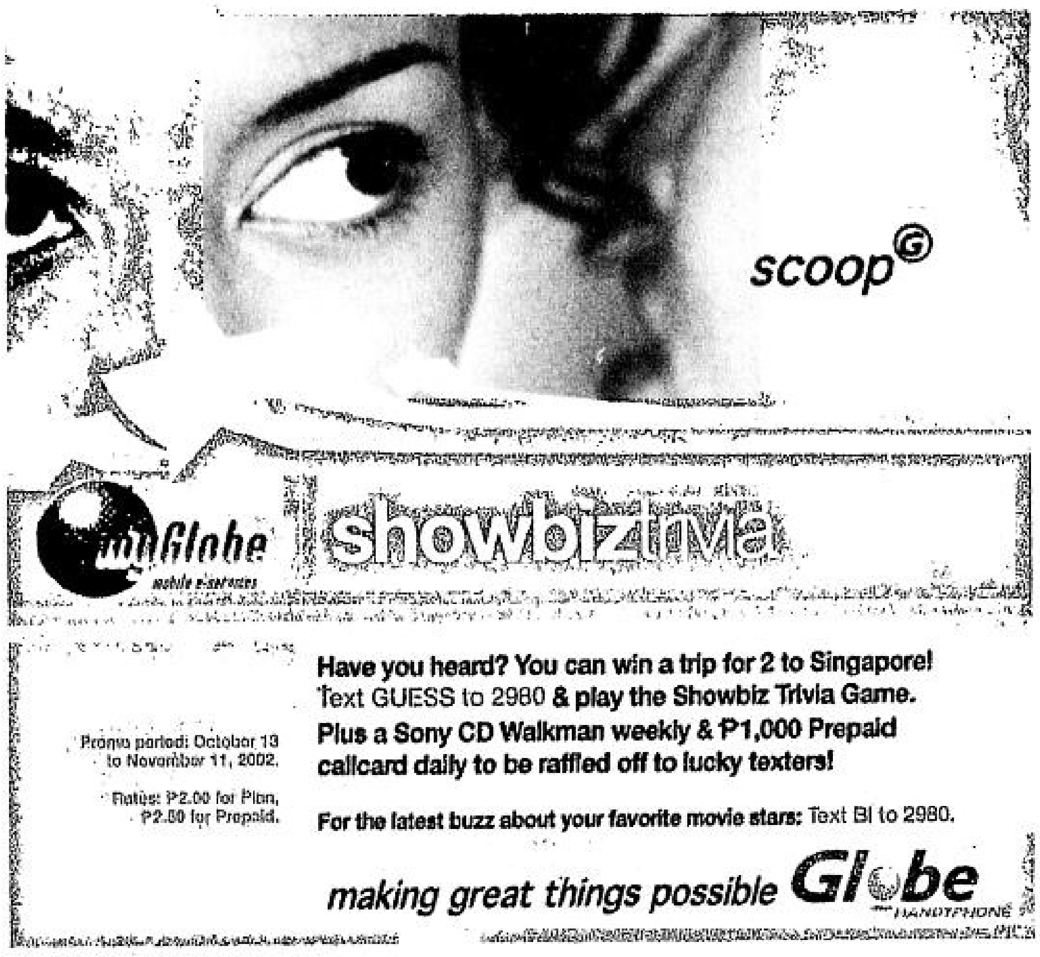
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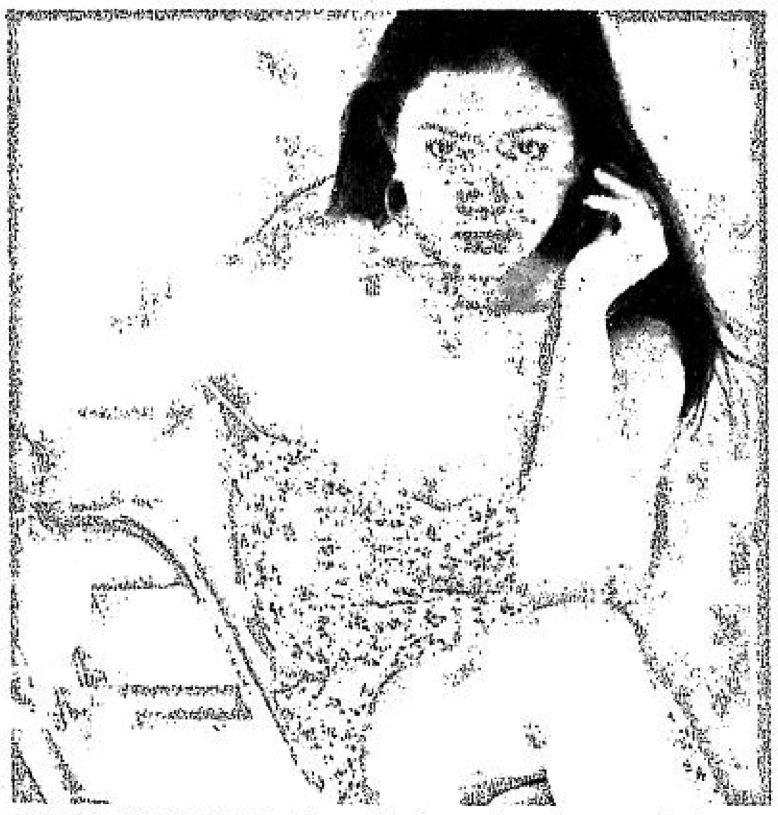

STRONG WOMAN. Dina Bonnevie plays a character opposite her real one in Joel Lamangan's "Bahid."

Her absence from GMA 7 station ID made Miss D cry

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

DINA Bonnevie is so confident and secure about her status in show biz that even when she's sharing billing with younger stars, she never competes with them.

At 40, Dina can give even the new young screen sirens a run for their money.

Last year, she proved she could still do sexy roles when she starred in **Tikoy Aguiluz**'s "Tatarin," the film version of **Nick Joaquin**'s literary classic, "Summer Solstice." Even if **Rica Peralejo** did her share of flesh-baring in that movie, Dina had her sexy highlights, too, without necessarily competing with the younger Rica.

"That was a daring role," says Dina. "I wore a sexy nightgown with only a lace top and I had no undies. I did a love scene with **Carlos Morales** on top of a rock *at nagkasugat-sugat ang likod ko.*"

Since she was launched in "Katorse," which she did when she was only 16, Dina has steadily risen to the top of the show biz heap.

In **Joel Lamangan**'s "Bahid," she proves her dramatic mettle again. The original script of "Bahid" had her playing the mom of 19-year-old actress **Assunta de Rossi**.

"But even if I have a 20-year-old daughter (**Danica**), I thought Assunta looked rather mature to be my daughter," Dina reasons out. "I was hesitant, so I requested that the script be revised. They made Assunta play my younger sister instead."

In "Bahid," Dina plays the complex character of Loida Lavares, a rape victim who married **Eddie Garcia** for security reasons when she was only 18.

"She's a battered wife who lives in constant fear of her husband, that's why she is also an alcoholic and a smoker," Dina says of her role. "Even if she has suffered enough, she has no courage to leave him because she doesn't want to be poor again."

Assunta's presence in the film has prompted a number of people to pit Dina against the younger actress when it comes to the sexy scenes. But Dina insists she was not out to compete with Assunta.

"I provided the drama and left the sexy scenes to Assunta," Dina adds.

Even if she has done sexy roles in the past, Dina takes prides in not having shown any of her private parts on the big screen.

"I haven't had any breast or butt exposure (in my movies)," she points out.

Her role as a weak woman in "Bahid" is far from the real Dina, who is strong.

"It's the opposite of me," she says. "I cannot take violence. I am not confrontational. When I'm mad, I just keep quiet so you better not talk to me."

Dina used to host a daily TV show but has taken a respite from the boob tube, albeit only temporarily, so she can make movies. Her website (www.dinabonnevie.biz) records a total of 58 movies she has done in her two decades in show biz.

Her soap series, "Ikaw Lang ang Mamahalin," recently wrapped up on GMA 7.

"I miss doing my talk show, though," she says. "When I did 'Miss D' and 'D Day,' I met a lot of people from all walks of life. I learned a lot from answering e-mail alone. I personally wrote to all the people who e-mailed me."

Her absence in the new GMA 7 station ID has left a lot of people wondering.

"I cried when I saw that," she says. "I did 'Miss D' for them for three years and 'D Day' for nearly three years, too. Then there was the soap.

"ABS-CBN made countless attempts to pirate me, but I never signed up with them. If this had happened several years ago, I would have made a big fuss and gotten really mad."

"But there was no reason to do that now. I simply said a prayer and told the Lord I was hurt. GMA 7 treated me very well. They said they would give me another show in January. I'm looking forward to that."

John is it!

SINCE he was in college, comedian **John Lapus** has been making people laugh. He would willingly perform before an audience and he never failed to elicit the laughs. That's why when the chance came for John to make a career out of making people laugh, he was not surprised that he decided to become a comedian.

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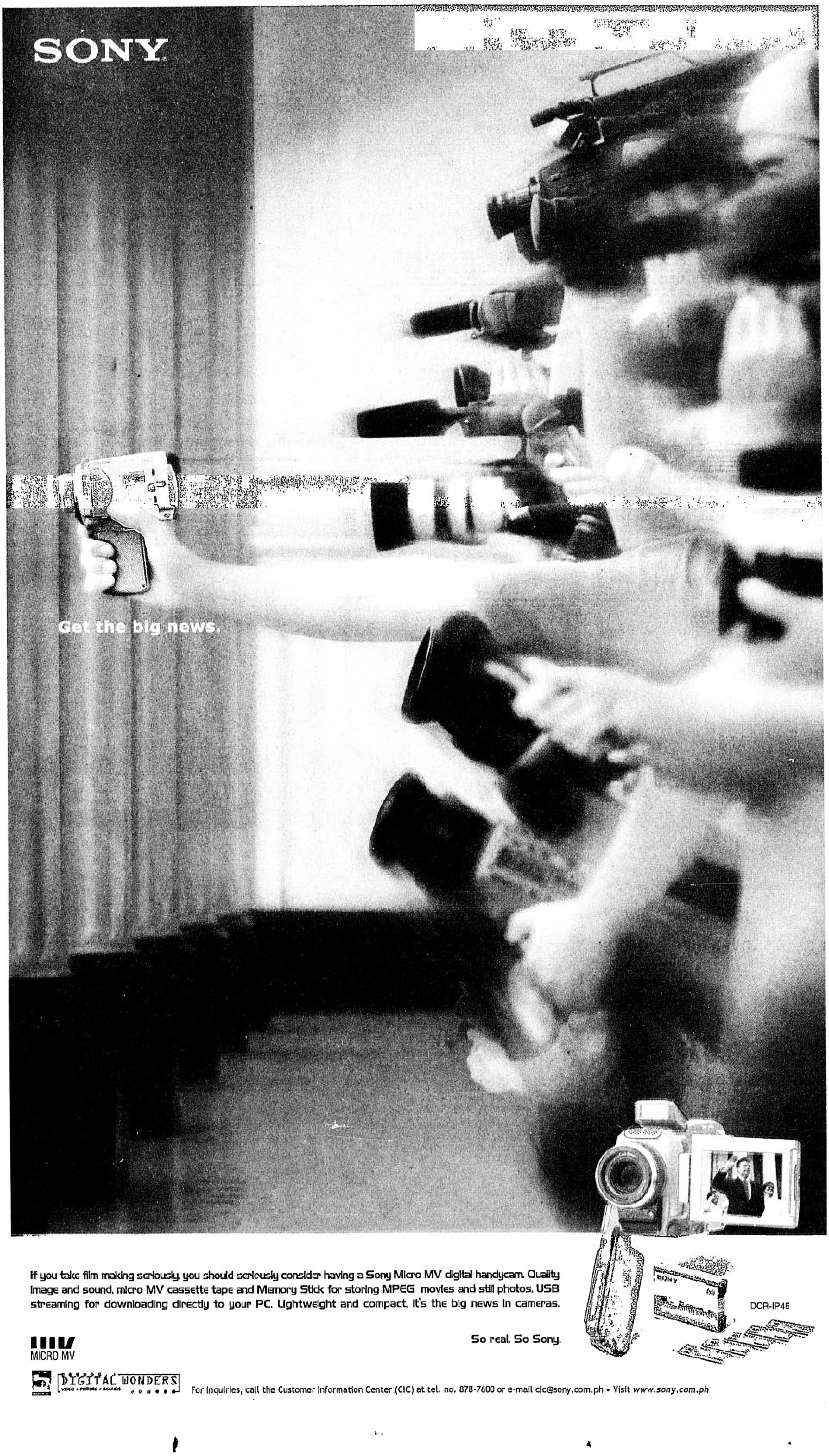
READY FOR THE SHOW. John Lapus in first major show at the Folk Arts Theater.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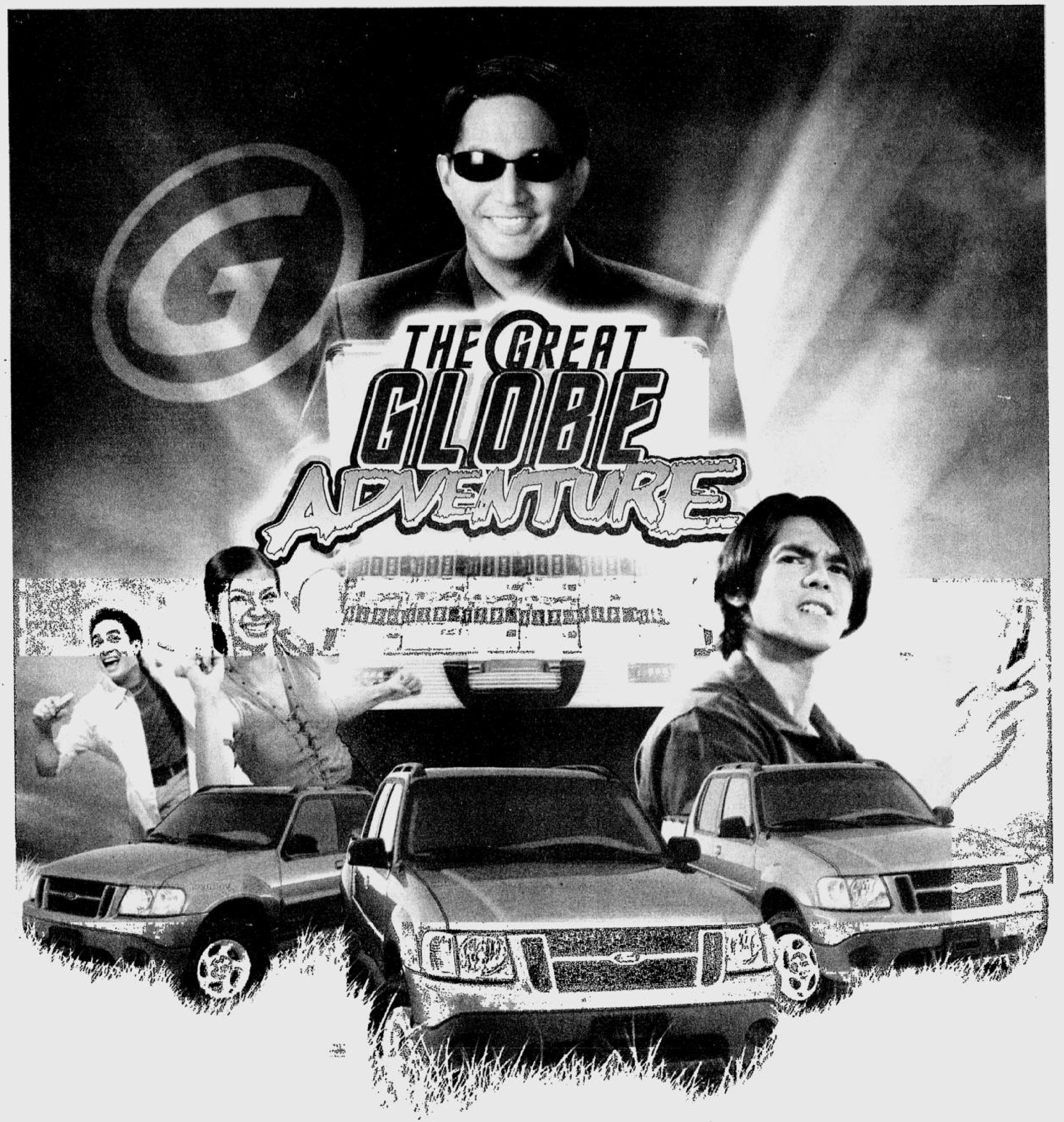

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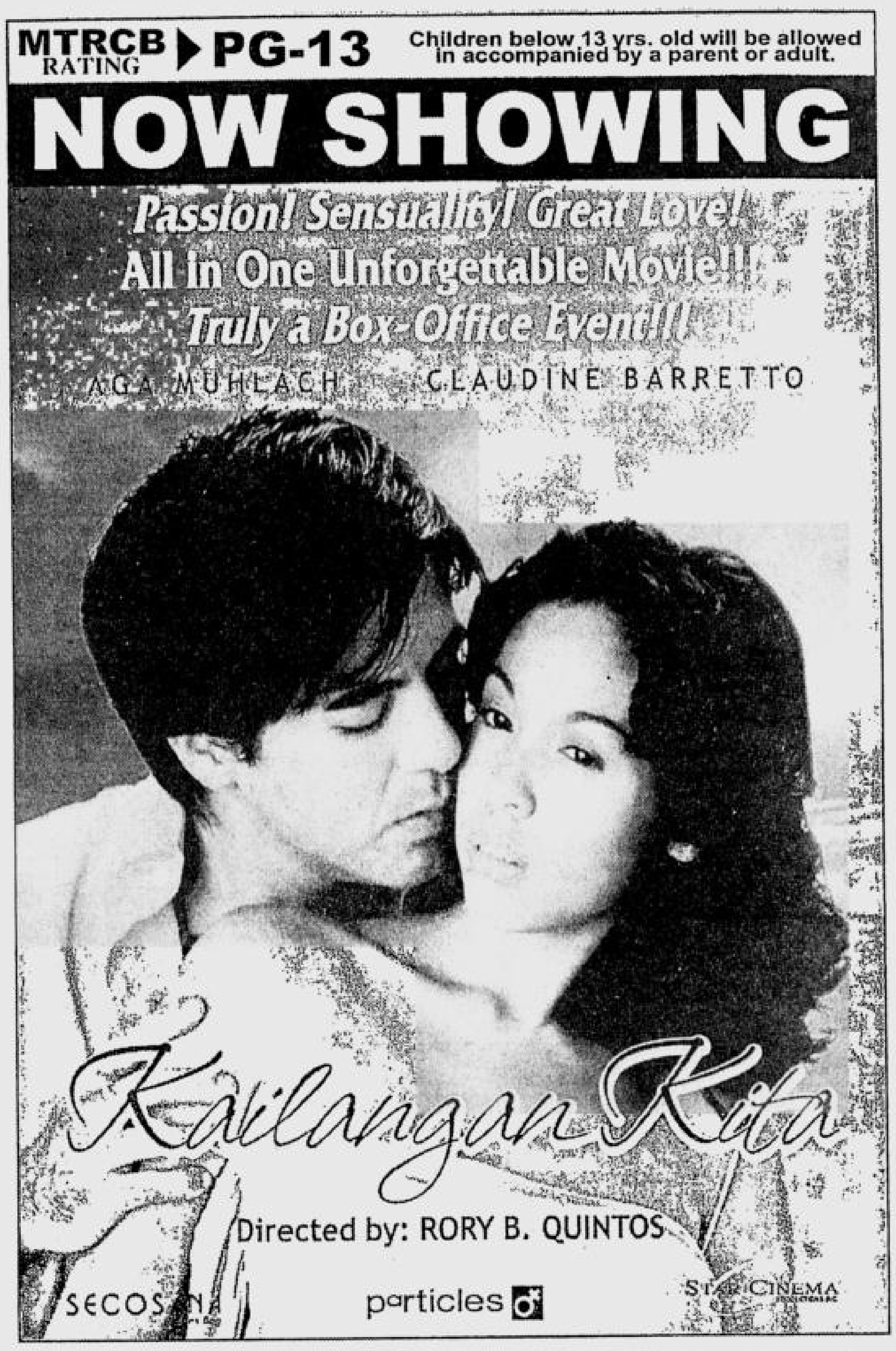

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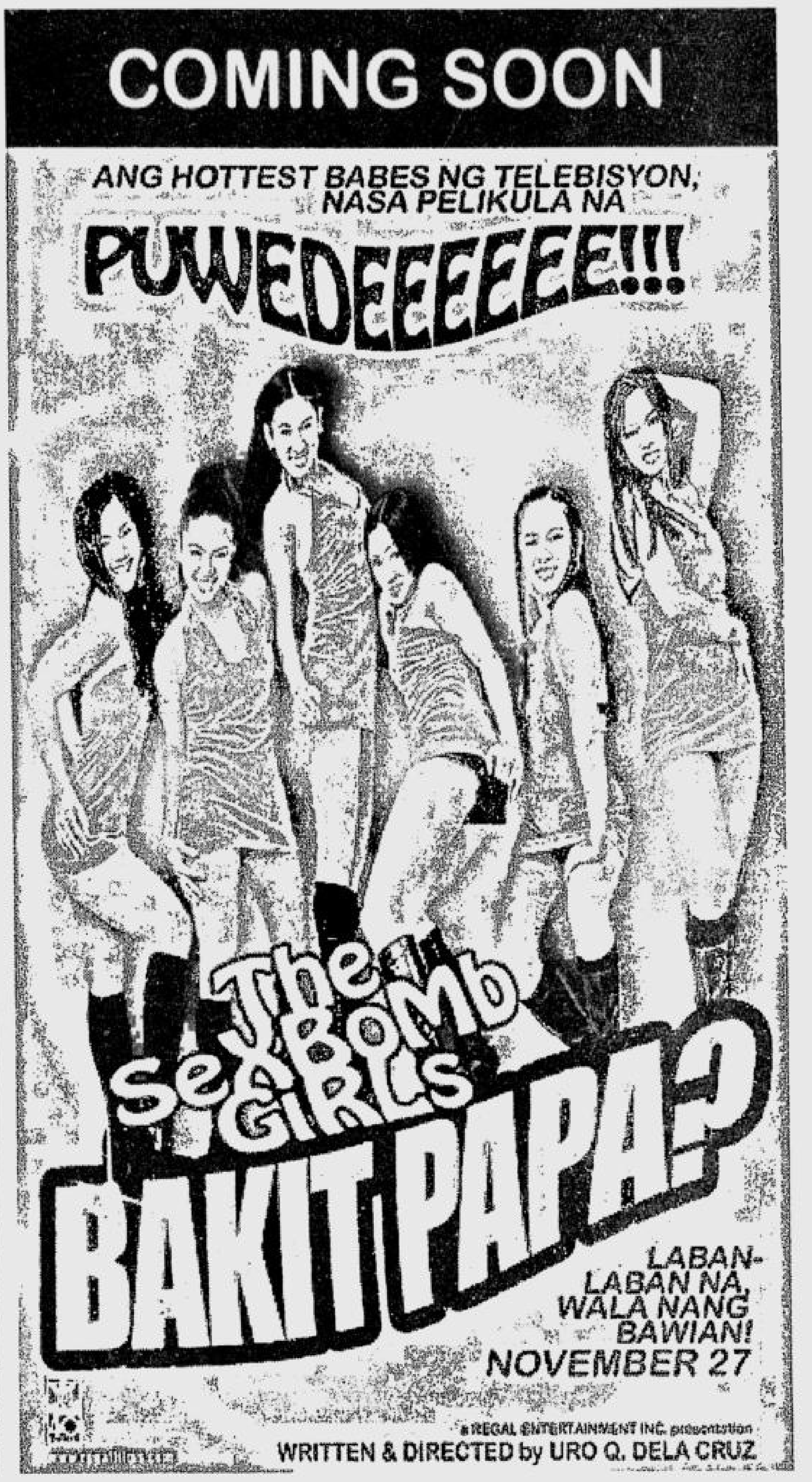

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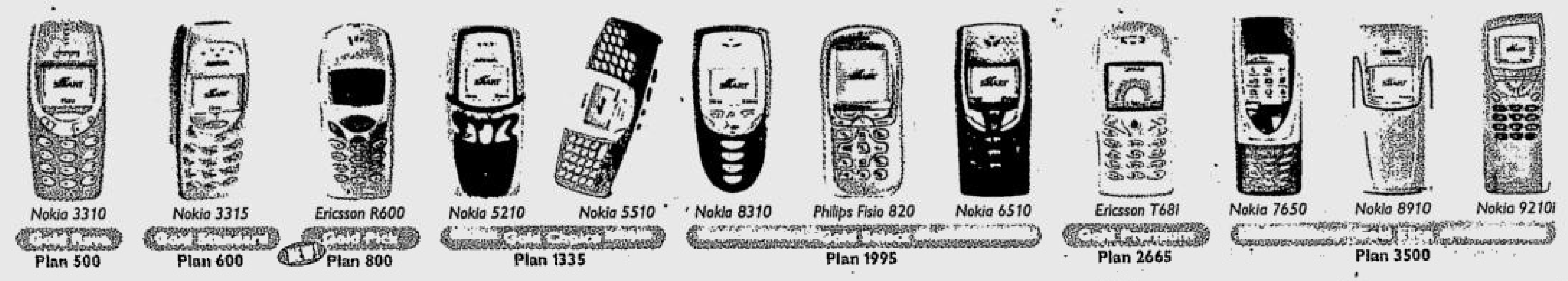
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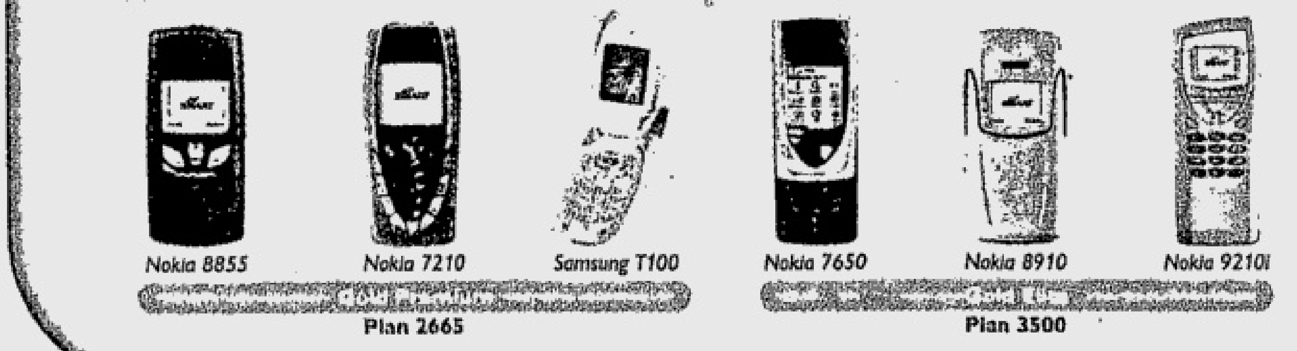
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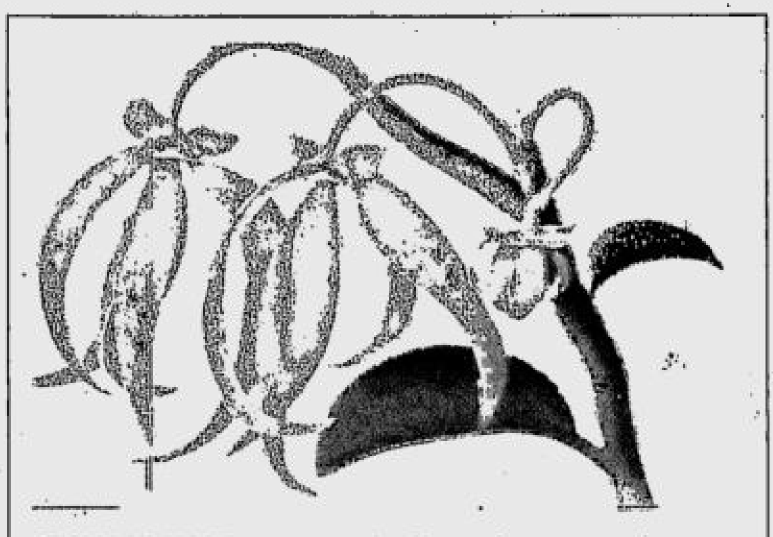


YLANG-YLANG flowers are prized by perfume companies

Income is made in town where flowers bloom

By Jo Clemente
PDI Central Luzon Desk

ANAO, Tarlac—Find a place where there is as many number of Ylang-ylang (Cananga odorata) trees as its residents, and chances are you'll end up in this town.

Anao is a town at the northeastern tip of Tarlac where there are about 10,000 residents and 10,000 Ylang-ylang trees in a 10,000-hectare land.

The trees, all in their blooming stage, line up a long narrow stretch that is Anao's main road while the bulk are planted in various Ylang-ylang orchards.

Anao indeed has more than enough blooms for a garland business but it needs more to sustain its extraction plant and produce the required volume of Ylang-ylang oil for the international market.

For now, however, "Aroma Anao," the name given to the business, supplies the needs of local users. Among them are soap and cosmetics producers and those engaged in aroma

INCOME/ B2

Firm showcases artworks in medium found in homes

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE DECISION of the Government Service Insurance Corp. to buy the painting "Parisian Life" by Juan Luna for P46 million created an awareness among Filipinos of their art heritage.

But while companies like the GSIS, big banks such as the Bank of the Philippine Islands and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas can afford to buy and hold on to works of art by Philippine masters, companies like Directories Philippines Corp. invest in the potential of young artists.

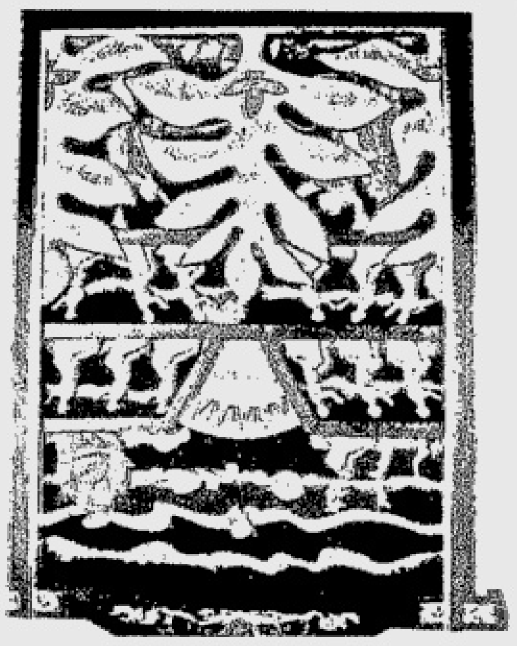
DPC does it through the PLDT-DPC Telephone Directory Cover Visual Art National Competition, which is now on its 16th year. It is the first directory company to feature a work of art on the cover, and it is now being followed by their counterparts in other countries like Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Federico B. Amat, DPC director for corporate affairs, tells SundayBiz that the idea to launch a visual art competition for the cover was born out of the desire in 1987 to help in nation building.

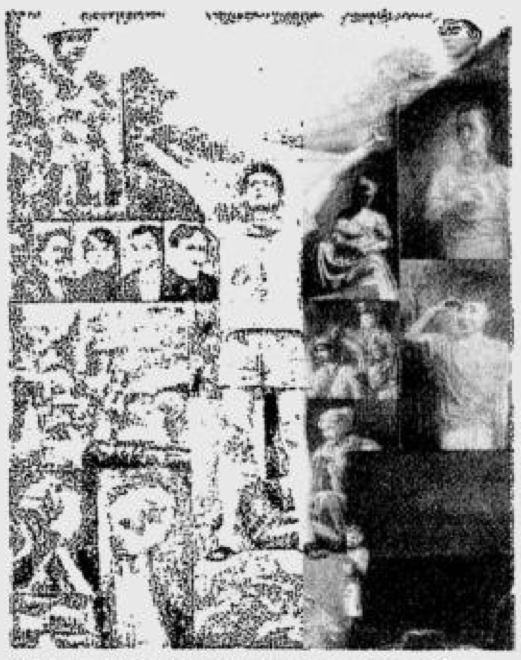
Edsa euphoria

The Philippines was still feeling the euphoria following the Edsa revolution at that time and the mood was not lost on the local corporations.

"After some brainstorming, we thought of involving the arts because it was not being pushed aggressively at that time. Since we have the medium, which is the directory, we thought of putting up a contest with the winner's work to be featured on the cover. Before that we were just using photographs for the cover," Amat says.



"PACIFIC Rhythm" by Perfecto Baloloy Jr."



"SEAL of the Noble Filipino" by Rodrigo Clapano

The directory cover was envisioned as "a dynamic instrument for the development of the Filipino youth's artistic talents."

"The fact that the directories reach a great number of Filipino households and practically all business enterprises makes them a potent medium for the appreciation of the visual arts. As an ever present companion to the indispensable telephone, the directory makes art visible in the Filipino home and business," DPC says.

DPC and the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. tapped the Art Association of the Philippines to draft the mechanics for the competition. But they agreed on the idea that the competition should be limited to students enrolled in Fine Arts schools across the Philippines.

"We got tremendous response from the schools. I guess the people were really looking for an opportunity for them to showcase their talents. They also welcomed the opportunity to make people aware that there are

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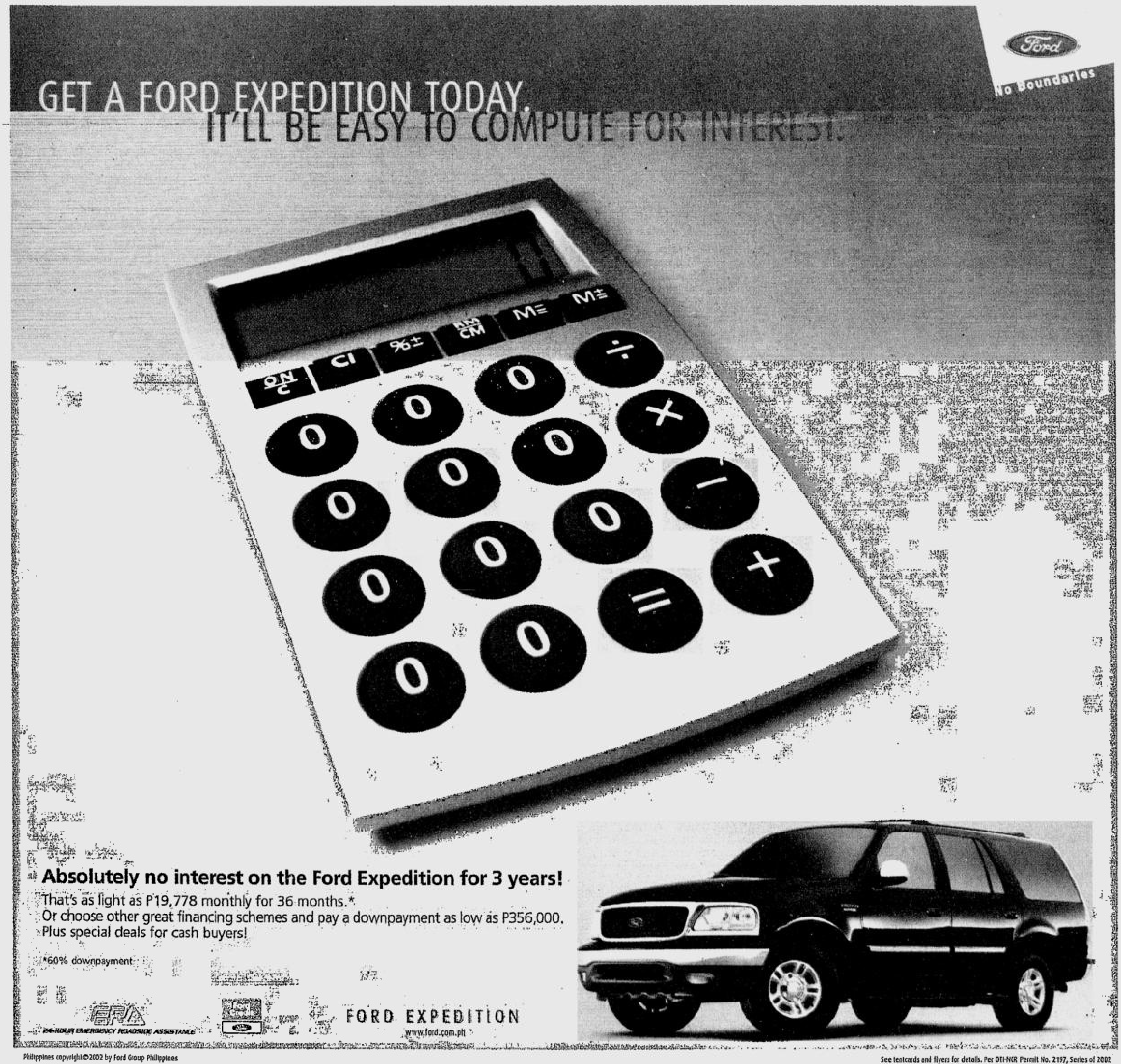
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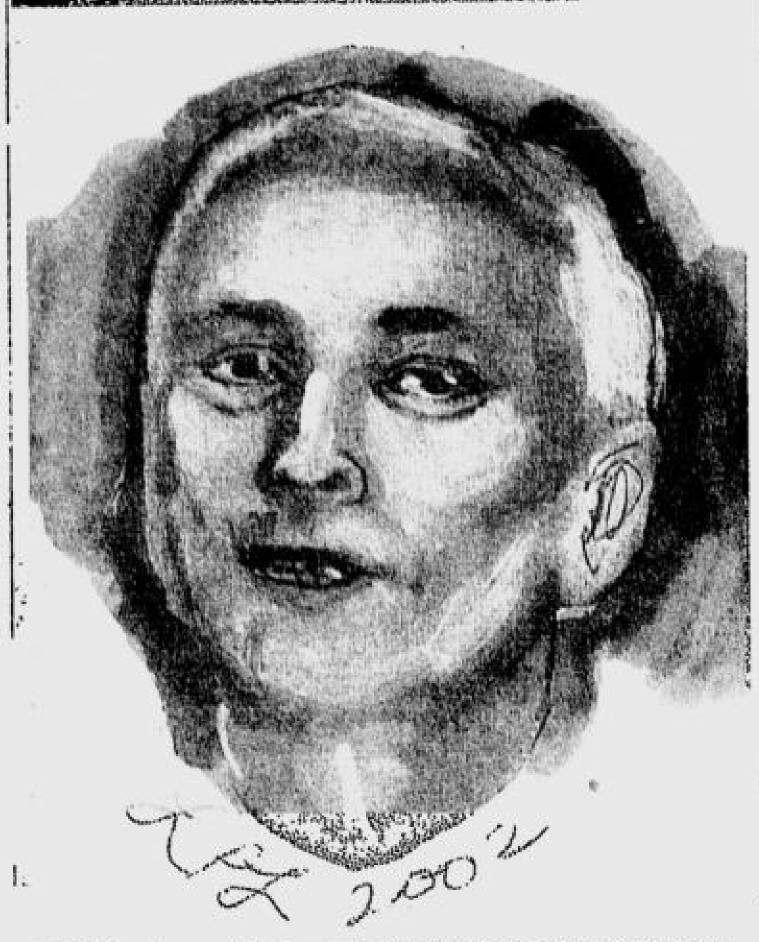

ASIAN Development Bank country director Thomas Crouch is usually the bearer of good news.

The ADB, after all is one of the country's biggest source of funding. He, however, recently came out to say that the government's weak budget has compromised several of the bank loan programs.

Designer makes cakes with a 'can-do' attitude

By Meluchi A. Rivera
Contributor

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

THEIR colorful display never fails to draw passers-by, whether they are idle shoppers or harried MRT commuters. Art Cakes' store at the Shangri-La Mall's Metrolink proudly shows off specialty cakes, cookies and pastries which sport plaids, swirls, flowers; or are decorated with characters from Blue's Clues, Barbie, the Rugrats; or are even shaped as bears, balls, cars and designer handbags.

But that is merely the tip of the iceberg. For these are the store's "off-the-rack" items, and only hint at the much broader spectrum of designs Art Cakes can produce. While the items on the store shelves elicit *oohs* and *ahhs* from those that set eyes on them, these pale in comparison to designs they have executed for their many satisfied clients.

Explains owner Leilani Sy, "We really want to be known as a customized cake maker. I want Art Cakes to be known as the number one name in customized cakes." Their photo albums bulge with cakes sporting logos and airbrushed caricatures; and ones shaped like bottles, tablets, cans, buildings, airplanes, even whole cities, trains and golf courses! Several big companies have become loyal patrons due to the creativity of their design team. Art Cakes has also executed designs in gum-paste and fondant for many demanding brides and debutantes.

Memorable cakes include one which was more like an installation, as it came with suspended stars, meteors, and planets the size of an infant's head, all of which were edible. Another commissioned work involved simulating a scene of mountains and a waterfall on a cake for a jungle-themed kids' party.

Sy's design team relishes the opportunity to produce new designs, and they take pride in being able to give pretty much anything that the client desires. "That's part of our service. We like being challenged," Sy says, smiling.

The company's motto, "There's no cake we can't make!" actually reflects Sy's own can-do attitude. Art Cakes began in 1995 after Sy, an Interior Design graduate with no background in baking, stumbled upon a cake design book by Corrine Mitchell. At the time, she was browsing bookstore shelves for possible business opportunities. The book so inspired her that she quickly enrolled in Heny Sison's cake decorating classes and started accepting orders for party cakes and giveaways.

"In the beginning, I didn't even know how to handle fondant icing!" Sy relates, smiling. "And when I started, my cakes weren't anything special. But with practice, it all came together."

The home-based business grew through word of mouth and in 1998, with the help of her supportive husband, Sy opened Art Cakes' first showroom off Wilson St. in San Juan. Finally, Sy's customers could fully appreciate her three-dimensional cake designs. It also marked the first time Art Cakes offered ready-to-eat chocolate, butter, chiffon and blueberry cheesecakes. The last four years have seen the business grow from a three-employee affair (Sy herself included) to one that now involves four branches and thirty-six workers.

SY infront of her creations.

The labor-intensive nature of the business has forced Sy to delegate. She admits that she can probably open just one more branch to maintain the quality of her products. "I used to be entirely hands-on. From the design, to the baking, to the boxing and delivery. Now we have a team of artists who help design and execute the cakes," Sy relates.

Art Cakes thrived even as Sy sought a balance between her business and raising her four children. Her eldest daughter, now 12, is even starting to help out in the business. "I get ideas from my kids. They keep me up to date—because of them I know about boy bands and Britney (Spears)!"

Even during the most trying times during Art Cakes' start-up phase, when she found herself up at 5 a.m. mixing batter, Sy never thought of doing anything else. "It's what I enjoy doing. I would never work for anyone else!" she says, laughing.

THIS Louis Vuitton inspired cake is just one of Art's cake masterpieces.

This can-do baker, who learned the ropes of the business on the job, advises would-be businessmen to be unafraid of failure. "Of course when I saw the big bakeshops, I was scared. But you find your niche; your place in the sun," she philosophizes.

Holiday parties a go amid budget cuts

NEW YORK—Companies may be slashing jobs and other costs, but one ritual luxury in the business world is making a comeback this year—the annual holiday party.

Last year was the one of the worst holiday seasons, as many American companies canceled their festivities because the mood just didn't feel right after the Sept. 11 attacks.

While the Grinch may have throttled corporate entertainment budgets in recent months and staffs are being told to cut back on limousine services and other little luxuries, the annual party is proving to be resilient.

"Companies may have a tendency to scale back the parties, but to eliminate them, it's a pretty scary message," said Kathleen McKenna, a partner at law firm Proskauer Rose LLP, who advises on corporate holiday parties.

Some companies have returned to this routine. Cable network MSNBC told its staff in a memo that after two straight years of cancellation due to recession, it's finally going to break out the party glasses again.

Party planners are exhilarated at the change.

"I got seven inquiries of company parties yesterday alone, it might be one of the best years we have ever had," said Lawrence Harvey, director of catering at the swank Plaza Hotel.

New York event planner Francesca Abbracciamento, whose clients include American Express Co., Nike Inc. and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., said her namesake company's holiday party booking is up 70 percent from last year.

Harry's at Hanover Square, a restaurant that gets most of its business from Wall Street firms, is 90 percent booked for its $85 and up dinners.

Sofitel New York Hotel said business is significantly ahead of last year: it is booked for all the key dates in December.

However, don't expect Cristal champagne and Beluga caviar at the annual office shindig. It's more likely to be wine in a box and Cheddar cheese on crackers.

"The budget is about a third less," said David Chase, director of catering at the Ritz-Carlton New York in lower Manhattan. "In the past, it may be a four-hour party with buckets of shrimp, now it's a three-hour one and the buffet only has traditional items."

Restaurants and caterers say companies are cutting the size of the parties, skimping on flowers and decorations, buying less pricey wines and replacing salmon and steak dinners with finger foods—but it still costs about $50 to $200 per person in a New York hotel.

Some companies even adopt a do-it-yourself approach.

"If you pay someone to serve food and make drinks, it can be much more expensive," said Cynthia McKay, who heads Le Gourmet Gift Basket Inc. in Colorado. "If you are just chopping up cheese, it's much easier to do." Open bars are out of vogue and don't expect exotic cocktails. Some employers buy wine and beer at discount liquor stores to serve.

"If you keep it simple, the alcoholic content is less and it's easier to keep it under control," McKay said.

In some cases, belt-tightening pressure is so great that the celebration has been eliminated altogether. Time Inc. and Lucent Technologies Inc. said they were not going to hold the time-honored workplace ritual. Cisco Systems Inc., which will not do a company-wide party, lets departments decide.

Time said canceling holiday parties among numerous divisions would save the company at least $1 million. Its parent, AOL Time Warner Inc., is battling a maturing online business and an advertising slump.

"It's a difficult environment. Whenever you can save any cost, it's always a good thing to do," Time spokesperson Peter Costiglio said. *Reuters*

Firm showcases artworks . . .

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worthwhile art pieces produced by students," Amat isays.

The DPC-PLDT contest was the first to be opened to students. The other competitions at that time were open to amateur and professional artists.

The first directory art contest had no theme, and the judges included painters Mauro Malang and Jose Blanco; art critic Cid Reyes, Camera Club of the Philippines president Jose Ma. Fernandez and museum curator Eva Toledo.

Adopting themes

By the second year, the sponsors decided to adopt a theme to hone the artists' skill in interpreting themes in their art pieces. It was also a chance for the local artists to become more sensitive to the concerns and issues that affect the country and the Filipino people.

The themes over the years included Communication in Unity and Progress, Fiesta Islands, The Environment and Our Future, Peace and Unity.

Ang Pangarap ng Bayan, Decade of Centennials of Filipino Nationalism, Nationhood and the Philippine Revolutionary Movement, The Philippines in the New Millennium and The Filipino Family.

For this year, DPC and PLDT chose "The Family" as the theme since the Philippines will host the 4th World Meeting of Families.

The grand prize winner will get P60,000 and a trophy while the school will get a P25,000 donation and a plaque. The trophies and plaques are designed and executed by the National Artist Napoleon V. Abueva.

The grand prize winner's work is featured in the directory for the National Capital Region while the works of the runners-up are featured in the provincial telephone directories.

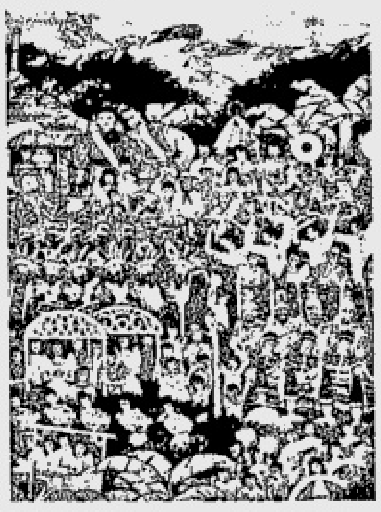
The actual art pieces are prominently displayed in the office of DPC.

Amat says DPC is proud that the contest has produced winners that eventually went on to win major international arts awards. Art collectors also started to seek their works.

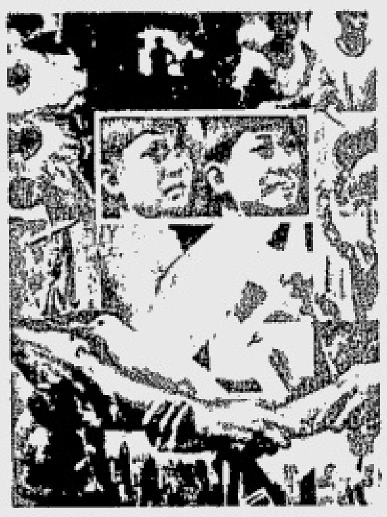
Alfredo Esquillo Jr. of the University of Sto. Tomas, for instance, was a third prize winner during the awards's sixth year. He moved on to be chosen as one of the five Juror's Choice in the Philip Moris-sponsored Philippine Art Competition and proclaimed Grand Winner at the Asean Art Competition held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Neil Manalo of the Far Eastern University, , was the grand prize winner during the 3rd art tilt. The next year he became a finalist in the Philip Morris' Philippine Art Awards and he was among the country's delegates to the Asean-wide finals held in Singapore. One of his works is even on display in a Singapore museum.

Other notable winners include Alfredo Aquilizan who won several AAP and Metrobank arts awards and Manny Garibay who won 2nd place in an international competition held in Spain.



"A RICH Heritage of Race and Spirit" by Neil Manalo.



"THE REALIZATION of a Dream is a Gift for Jun-Jun" by Alfredo Esquillo

Advancing artists

Amat says DPC and PLDT like to believe that they had a hand in advancing the careers of these artists and the others that have pursued careers outside the art world. He says their success encourages them to continue with the art competition.

"Anytime one invests in the development of art and arts appreciation, he contributes immensely to his country's development. It may take time to see the results, but the fruits will come. Because real art lasts," he says.

"Through the art contest, we hope to encourage more people to appreciate art. At least when people look at the covers of our directories, they can reflect a little. For us, once people start to reflect on the cover, that is already a very good step towards their appreciation of art," he adds.

DPC is a 100-percent Filipino-owned corporation which started operations on June 28, 1989.

The company is the official publisher of telephone directories of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), Pilipino Telephone Corp. (Piltel), Philcom, Datelcom, Misortel, Marate, Cruztelco, GTSI and Islacom.

Income is made in town where flowers bloom

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therapy services like spas.

One of its biggest clients is Bioessence.

Aroma Anao, a project of the Anao municipal government, started in 1989 as its economic enterprise. Then the people were encouraged to plant Ylang-ylang trees in their backyards while the local government took to planting Ylang ylang trees in public areas.

Oil extraction began in 1994. In 1998, the government started to produce by-products such as cologne and detergent powder.

Community at work

The Ylang-ylang is a native Philippine flower known the world over for its fragrance and therapeutic properties. Its extract is used in the manufacture of perfumes and fragrances as well as other cosmetics.

Rosette Bagayao, an employee of the Anao government involved in the project, said an Ylang-ylang tree would take four to five years before it starts to bloom.

A tree yields an average of 46 to 56 kilograms of blooms a year while a kilo of sun riped blooms, on the other hand, can generate 10 to 12 milliliters of oil.

Thrice weekly, Anao residents harvest the blooms for oil extraction.

Only the mature sun riped blooms will make it to the extraction machine while the rejects are made into garlands or sold to flower shops.

Residents are paid P50 for a kilo of the flowers they bring for extraction. A 15-ml bottle of oil sells for P250.

Industrial users, on the other hand, get it at a lower price.

The municipal council approved a resolution that allowed residents to harvest flowers of Ylang-ylang trees planted along roads or public places if the tree or trees are in their front yard. In return, the residents should care for the trees.

Running the business

Aroma Anao is still an evolving enterprise.

Some 13 years since its inception, the town government has been veering away from the actual production of the essence and the day-to-day affairs of the project. It has encouraged the organization of the Anao Ylang-ylang Primary Cooperative to take over the business.

Thus, residents who pick the blooms sell these to the cooperative and industrial users now transact business with the cooperative's officials.

The cooperative is composed of residents who took interest in the project. An initial output of the cooperative is a two-hectare Ylang-ylang orchard.

The town government, on the other hand, has confined itself to the marketing of the project.

Mayor Rodolfo Guerrero, who continued the project that his predecessor started, has sent its employees like Bagayao to various training programs.

The Aroma Anao by-products such as the cologne and "Busilak" powder detergent are outputs of such training.

The local government also takes the lead in looking for possible venues such as trade fairs and exhibits where Aroma Anao can be introduced and marketed.

Guerrero has asked the National Economic and Development Authority to undertake a study that would focus on the market potentials of Ylang-ylang oil.

The study would look into the system of extraction to determine the quality levels of oil extracts.

Arnel Oliveros, municipal planning and development officer, said the study has yet to be concluded but initial findings showed that more trees are needed for Aroma Anao to finally evolve and go full blast.

The study said about 100,000 trees are needed to bring Aroma Anao to the international market to maximize its potentials.

The town government, Guerrero said, is now encouraging neighboring towns in Tarlac like Ramos, Pura, Gerona and Moncada and the towns of Nampicuan and Cuyapo in Nueva Ecija to plant Ylang-ylang trees to achieve this goal.

After all, Guerrero said, "the seeds are sown and it is time to move ahead."

Gates launches Tablet PC, its next big thing

NEW YORK/SEATTLE—Microsoft chair Bill Gates on Thursday threw the marketing muscle of the software giant behind its new Tablet PC, staking his reputation on the bid to bring pen-based computing to the masses after a decade of false starts.

Gates vowed that the new slim, notebook-style computers, which Microsoft Corp. spent $400 million to develop, would not suffer the same fate as previous, failed industry efforts to marry the pen to the computer.

"In my current role as chief software architect, this is probably the one project I've spent the most of my time on," Gates told Reuters. "I've been involved in our commitment to this for over 10 years."

Microsoft's early attempts to get pen-based computing off the ground failed, and Apple Computer Corp.'s Newton, the precursor to current handheld computers, was also a commercial flop, though one that was hailed as visionary.

"Looking back, we can say the hardwa[illegible]and the software weren't there. This time it really is ready for prime time," he told analysts, technology vendors and reporters in New York.

The tablet PCs, which run a new version of the Windows XP software platform, is targeted at people on the go, mainly office workers rushing from one meeting to another who need to take notes while using e-mail, presentations and documents.

Analysts were more cautious about whether gadgets would catch on, saying that the Tablet PC's success would depend on whether it would gain traction outside of the market for office workers and professionals, such as doctors and lawyers.

"Are people dissatisfied with notebooks?" asked Matt Rosoff, an analyst at Directions on Microsoft, an independent researcher. "Is there a burning need to be making annotations on something other than a piece of paper?"

The new technology is making its entry at a time when a weak economy and sluggish corporate spending have driven personal computer sales lower for nearly two years.

Along with the 13 PC makers, including No. 2 PC maker Hewlett-Packard Co., Taiwan's Acer Inc. and Japan's NEC Corp., Microsoft is hoping that new computing products will help revitalize the market.

Microsoft said it expected 500,000 to 1 million Tablet PCs to be sold over the next year.

"I think if you go out five years from now, and look at portable computers, virtually all of those will have this tablet capability," Gates said.

Their success, analysts said, will depend on the software applications that are created to take advantage of the Tablet PC's pen and portability.

"We really won't see an impact until there's more software," said David Smith, analyst at the Gartner Group.

Microsoft has developed a specialized add-on to its Office document, spreadsheet and presentation software for the Tablet PC, and Gates said that he would announce a new product related to the Tablet PC at his Comdex keynote speech on Nov. 17.

The new notebooks and software are designed to recognize users' writing in their own hand, without having to follow a special template. The Tablet PC software can save entries as entered, or can translate cursive handwriting into typed text.

Tablet PCs, available today, cost between $1,700 and $2,400, depending on their features, such as their size, screens and ability to connect to networks wireless.

On a down day for stocks, Microsoft stock closed 1.8 percent lower at $56.01 on the Nasdaq, while Hewlett-Packard was off 4.5 percent at $16.72 on the New York Stock Exchange. *Reuters*

Three lady entrepreneurs empower Iloilo housewives

By Hazel P. Villa
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO City—At second floor of Building C of the Mary Mart Mall in Iloilo City is a boutique in a quiet corner. Its wooden facade gives it a homey Old World touch. Some 11 years ago, the city's elite came here to buy specialty items for their homes and gifts for friends and relatives abroad.

Before the tentacles of globalization reached Iloilo and cheap goods from China flooded the country, Home Treasures supplied home and novelty items to many Ilonggos, relying only on word-of-mouth to prosper.

It valiantly continues doing business, despite the competition, to help its three lady owners maintain nine marginalized homemaker-workers who rely on Home Treasures for their families' sustenance.

Home Treasures is owned by LRT Craft Enterprises Co., which manufactures throw pillows, placemats and bags made of raffia and cotton as well as made-to-order toaster covers and bed sheets. They also sell other fabric-based gifts and housewares and crocheted items.

Business for others

"Home Treasures basically exists not only as a simple business for us but for the housewives whom we help. They are paid by the piece and we give them transportation allowance as well as pay for their SSS (Social Security System)," says Tina Jereza-Arancillo, the store manager and marketing officer of Home Treasures.

On good times,' Home Treasures earns enough but most of the time, it is break-even because its workers cannot produce much since their priorities are their families, says production manager Rosie Siason-Jardeleza.

"They come in at 11 a.m. after they have taken care of their families. Some even have grandchildren to attend to but they make up for the working time by going home at 6 p.m.," says Jardeleza.

Workflow is affected when the mothers have to stay home because of a sick child or husband.

This is fine, says Lori Sta. Cruz-Arancillo, the third partner since the three of them are housewives themselves who gave up their jobs to care for their families.

"When you think of what our women workers go through just to survive, you cannot find it in your heart to lay them off just because you feel business is not doing well," says Tina.

Friends ever since

The three ladies have been friends since their high school and college days at the Assumption Iloilo.

THREE ladies and a boutique. (From left) Rosie Siason-Jardeleza, Lori Sta. Cruz-Arancillo and Tina Jereza-Arancillo

In the '80s, Rosie used to sell quilted products for corporate giveaways through a partnership with a cousin based in Manila.

She had a shop at the family compound in Molo district, which was near the Asilo de Molo, an orphanage which used to employ mothers who make children's clothes.

Rosie got in touch with Asilo and had the mothers work on quilted throw pillows, placemats and cosmetic bags. But with the advent of cheaper giveaways from Taiwan and Hong Kong, Rosie and her cousin had to close shop in 1987.

Home Treasures came to be in 1990 when they mulled coming up with a shop after learning that Mary Mart Mall will open in early 1991.

"I was reading a US magazine and I toyed with the words 'homespun' and 'treasures' and that is how we got the shop's name. But LRT Enterprises Co. are the acronyms of our first names," said Tina, whose husband Edgardo is the vice mayor of Dumarao town in Capiz province.

She says business was "very good" when it opened in 1991 because the concept of a shop selling stuff for high-end clients who do not want to see the same things in their neighbors' homes was new in Iloilo.

There were also no big malls to compete with for consumers.

"We had a reputation for selling throw pillows, placemats and bags that were 'pulido' or had good workmanship," says Tina.

Sales peaked when LRT Craft Enterprises started joining trade shows, the first of which was the Dinagyang sa Makati in 1991, now known as the Ilonggo Festival. They were pioneers of the Ilonggo Producers Association.

The three ladies reported their biggest sales in the early '90s but this came to a slump in 1997 and 1998 during the Asian financial crisis.

Most of their income came from the trade fairs they joined.

"It seems we have never truly recovered from that time. Things are going down but thankfully, we have no debts," says Rosie.

The lady entrepreneurs are happy with getting orders and winning first place as the best-dressed booth of the Ilonggo Festival in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Tina says that their priority is the payroll of the women who work for them.

"We earn enough just to make Home Treasures survive, but we hope things could be better," says Tina, a mother of two.

The women's socio-civic outlook is shaped by their experiences with the Development Advocacy for Women Volunteerism in the late '90s under the Ramos administration where they helped facilitate lectures and workshops to teach housewives the values of sufficiency and hard work.

They were inspired by the teachings of the newly canonized St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of the Opus Dei, who advocated holiness in daily life and the sanctification of ordinary work.

Content

One unique thing about Lori, Tina and Rosie is that they do not fuss over future plans like having a bigger boutique or increasing the capacity of production. They seem to be content with the performance of Home Treasures.

Rosie says the opportunities for export are there but they could not yet handle the bulk.

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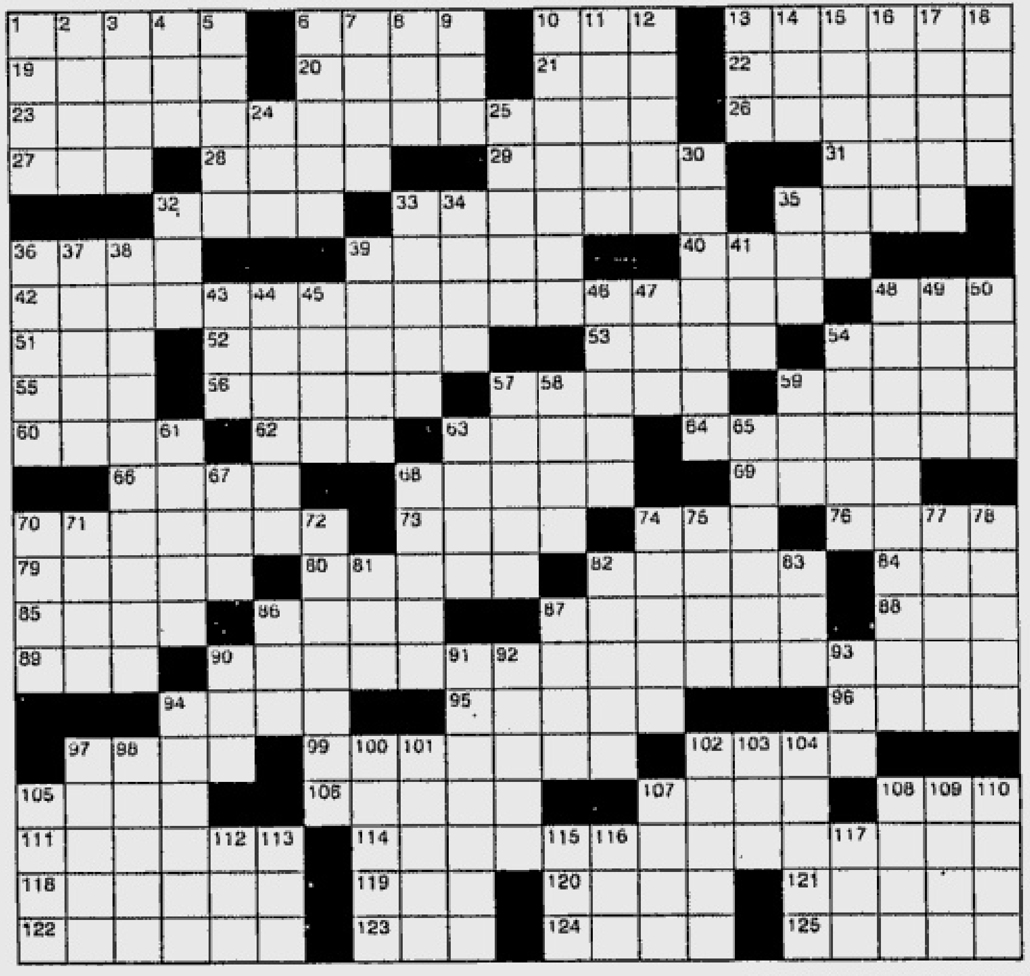

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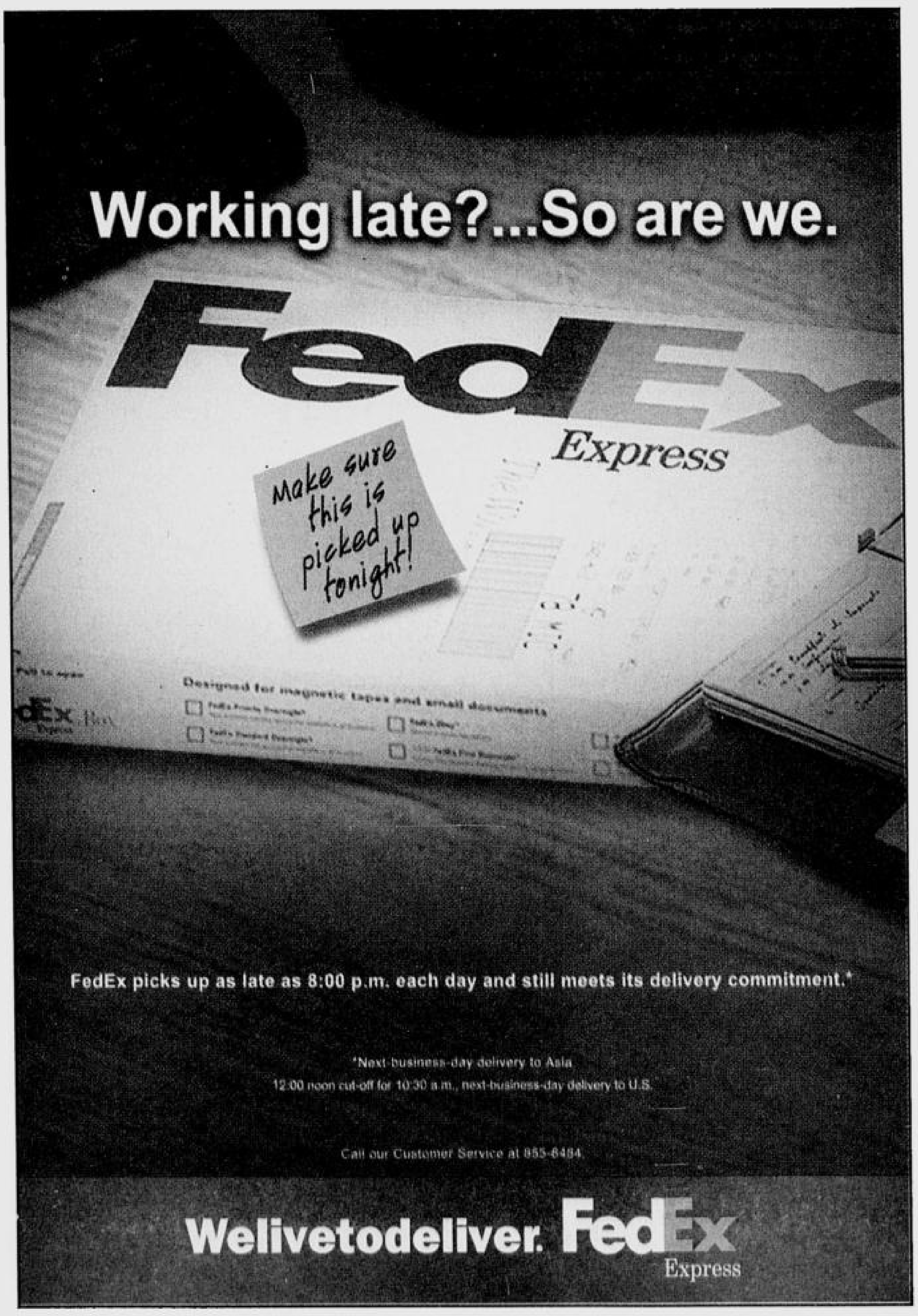
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Essential Specifications

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Policy Development Specialist

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Core Competencies:
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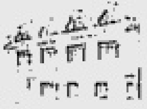

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ISIDORA CASUSI WAS EXTRAJUDICIALLY SETTLED BETWEEN HER HEIRS PER DOC. NO. 452, PAGE NO. 91, BOOK NO. XIV, SERIES OF 2002 BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC CARLOS GAVIOLA OF QUEZON CITY (PDI-NOV. 10, 17 & 24, 2002)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late FABIAN A. ANGKICO SR. has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs for the sale of land covered by tax declaration Nos. 97-48621 and 97-48622. (PDI-Nov. 10, 17 and 24, 2002.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE O THE LATE DANILO V. DANCEL AT PARANAQUE COVERED BY TCT NO. 115983 HAS BEEN EXTRAJUDICIALLY-SETTLED AMONG HIS HEIRS AS PER DOC. NO. 510; PAGE NO. 409; BOOK NO. I; SERIES OF 2002 BEFORE ATTY MA. THELMA B. CAPARAS NOTARY PUBLIC PDI-OCT. 27, NOV. 3 & 10, 2002

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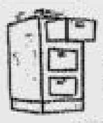

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Regional Field Unit No. 12
Cotabato City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Department of Agriculture Regional Field Unit No. 12 (DA-RFU 12) invites interested parties to pre-qualify and bid for the following:

DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATIONS OF FARM EQUIPMENTS AND FACILITIES

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  - Warehouse 12m x 20m Inclusive of processing area (8m x 12m) and storage area (12m x 12m)
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- Design and Detailed Estimates at NAFC Office

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- With re-bar 9mm @ 50cm o.c. spacing

III. BOOMSPRAYER
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- Folding type
- One (1) cu.m. tank capacity

IV. MECHANICAL PLANTER WITH FERTILIZER APPLICATOR
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- Adjustable row spacing
- Individual seed hopper
- Two (2) fertilizer hopper

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1. Letter of Intent;
2. Clear Photocopies of DTI or SEC Registration;
3. Updated Mayor's Permit;
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5. ITR duly stamped by the BIR;
6. Audited Financial Report for 2 recent years; and
7. Documentary evidence showing that they have a service center in Region 12

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A pre-bid conference will be held on November 20, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. at the Conference Room, Department of Agriculture, Koronadal City, South Cotabato. All proposals must be submitted to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) on November 25, 2002 at 8:30 a.m., DA Koronadal, South Cotabato, at which time and date, the bids will be opened in the presence of all qualified bidders or their duly authorized representatives.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bidders Bond equivalent to 2.5% of the total budget for the Contract either in Cash, Manager Check or GSIS bid bond.

The Department of Agriculture reserves the right to reject any or all bids or part thereof, waive any required formality therein, accept proposals deemed advantageous to the government and assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify any bidder for expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) ATTY. EDUARDO E. GARCIA
Chairman
Special Bids and Awards Committee
Per Special Order No. 474
Series of 2002

(PDI--Nov. 3, 10 & 17, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Negros Oriental
PROVINCIAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICE
Dumaguete City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Provincial Government of Negros Oriental invites all licensed security agencies to pre-qualify and submit sealed bids for its CY 2003 security services requirement involving Twenty-seven (27) guards for the different provincial offices and facilities.

All bidders must be pre-qualified and accredited not later than **December 2, 2002**. The list of pre-qualification requirements may be obtained from the Committee on Awards Secretariat (Provincial General Services Office).

Sealed bids will be accepted on or before **December 3, 2002** not later than 10:00 o'clock in the morning by the Committee on Awards at the Provincial General Services Office, Capitol Area, at which time and place said bid proposals will be opened.

A Pre-bid conference is scheduled on November 28, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the same venue.

The Committee on Awards reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose bid proposal as evaluated by the Committee is the most advantageous to the government, nor to indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

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Josephine Berdan, **Gerardo Pio** & **Vivien Berdan**
grandmother-in-law, **Pilar Subong**
relatives and friends request prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Sacred Heart Chapel, Jakosalem St., Cebu City (Nov. 8) and at the Mt. Carmel Shrine, Doña Juana Rodriguez Ave. (*Broadway*), Quezon City (Nov. 9-12).

Interment will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at the Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield in whom my heart trusted and found help. So my heart rejoices; with my song I praise my God..."
(Psalm 28:7)

Lina Abad Quijano

(Daughter of **Salustiano Quijano** (†) and **Simeona Abad**
of Amaya, Tanza, Cavite)

September 23, 1952 - November 7, 2002

Her Mother, sisters: **Aida** and **Nenet**; brothers: **Alexander**, **Romeo** and **Luis**; brother-in-law: **Nahman Susar**; sisters-in-law: **Emma Jorge**, **Connie Reyes** and **Josie Salonga**; nephew, nieces and grandchildren, namely: **Edwin**, **Jackie Mendiola**, **Trodeline**, **David Michael**, **Lara Mei**, **Melissa**, **Patricia**, **Catherine**, **John Marco**, **Katrina**, **Kamille**, **Dann Gabriel** and **Maria Luisa**, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Daily Masses are offered at 7:30 p.m.

Her remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels along Dr. A. Santos Avenue (Sucat Road), Parañaque City.

Her remains will be transferred to the Amaya Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. where Masses will be offered prior to interment at 2:00 p.m. at the family mausoleum at the Holy Rosary Memorial Park.

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Peacefully joined her Creator on the 9th day of November 2002 at the age of 85.

Her bereaved children **Ex-Mayor JESSIE**, **BABY** (**SANTOS**), **Mayor BOY**, **CAROL** (**TAGLE**), **SONIA** (**ESTRELLA**), **RENITA** (**DOMINGO**), **BOBBY** (†), **LUZ** (**NICOLAS**) & **ABET**; in-laws; grandchildren; great grandchildren; YAMBAO Family; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Family Ancestral Home, Brgy. Caingin, San Rafael, Bulacan.

Interment will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at the Viceo Family Mausoleum, San Rafael Bulacan Cemetery, after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the St. John of God Parish.

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His body lies in state at the Funeraria Paz, Quezon City, Chapel A-3.

Interment will be on November 12, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Manila Chinese Cemetery.

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*"I am the way, the truth and the life,
No one comes to the Father
except through Me."*
John 14:16

JOSE "JOSEF" T. MACARUBBO

July 1, 1981 - November 7, 2002

Peacefully joined our Creator on Thursday, November 7, 2002 at the age of 21.

His parents **Evan** and **Evelyn**; brother **Igge**; and sisters **Marisse** and **Joan**; his loving grandparents **Lolo Eping**, **Lola Inday**, **Tita Lola**, **Lola Luming**, and **Lola Mama**; uncles and aunties **Francis** and **Finette**, **Mark** and **Marie Jean**, **Junny** and **Merle**, **Tito John** (†), **Tita Grace**, **Ariel** and **Malou**, all relatives and cousins, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Our Lady of Fatima, Valenzuela City.

Interment will be at Eternal Garden, today, November 10, 2002 after the 7:30 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

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(Sgd.) **R.D. RAMAS**
Manager, Admin-SLT
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(PDI--Nov. 10, 2002)

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THE annual Terry Fox Run Marathon of Hope will be staged on Sunday, Nov. 17, 6:30 a.m. at the CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. The Run, inspired by a young Canadian boy who was then battling cancer, has a two fold objective: to inspire hope and a sense of purpose among cancer patients, and to raise funds for cancer research projects.

For the past four years, the Philippine Cancer Society has been the beneficiary of the Terry Fox Run. Proceeds are used for the operations of the PCS-Manila Cancer Registry in collecting cancer data from 150 hospitals in Metro Manila.

Leading this year's event are Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines Robert Collette, Dr. Roberto Paterno and Dr. Francisco Dizon of the Philippine Cancer Society. Invitations were extended to all Metro Manila mayors, cabinet secretaries, senators and members of the Diplomatic Corps. Also expected are students from different schools, members of running clubs and representatives of other groups.

To meet the objective of the activity, there will be a registration fee of P200. Terry Fox Run 2002 T-shirts will be given to all registered participants.

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Outstanding retailers honored

PENSHOPPE, a local ready-to-wear retailer, was elevated to the Hall of Fame during the awarding of the "Outstanding Filipino Retailers" given annually by the Department of Trade and Industry and the Philippine Retailers Association (PRA). Penshoppe has won in the medium scale fashion category for two consecutive years. It is the award's highest distinction.

A total of 9 outstanding retailers were awarded in different categories.

Mercury Drug, the country's largest drug store chain, was the sole winner in the Category Specialist division. The best shopping center of the year, given for the first time, was won by Ayala Center Makati.

This year's batch of Outstanding Filipino Retailers includes Ba-yo (fashion) and Picture City (non-fashion), medium scale category, Islands Souvenirs (fashion) and Designer Blooms (non-fashion), small-scale category, and Folded & Hung (fashion) and PCX (non-fashion), most promising retailers.

Launched six years ago, the search aims to encourage Filipino retailers to adopt world-class standards and practices and be globally competitive, and to recognize Filipino retailers who have epitomized the model of a successful retailer in terms of growth and good ethical practices.

The set criteria for judging include marketing and promotion, 40 percent, operations, 20 percent, sales, 20 percent, environment, 10 percent, and reputation, 10 percent.

Former DTI Secretary Jose Pardo, the awards night guest of honor, and DTI Undersecretary Adrian Cristobal Jr. led this year's distinguished personalities from the government and private sector.

Billed as "A Night of Style and Fashion", it is the retail industry's version of the Oscars awards night, which featured a fashion show of the latest collections of three young Filipino designers who competed and won in international competitions.

Dong Omaga Diaz, 1999 Grand Lessage Prix awardee, 17th Concours International de Jeune Createurs de Mode, Ignacio Loyola, 1999 Smirnoff Designer of the Year, Smirnoff International Fashion Awards, and Joji Lloren, 1998 Grand Prize Awardee, Concours International de Jeune Createur de Mode, presented their winning designs to an audience of top retailers and industry practitioners.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

OBITUARIES

"For God so loved
the world, that
He gave
His only
begotten Son,
that whoever
believes in Him
shall not perish
but have
everlasting life."
John 3:16

Maestro DANTE P. DELA FUENTE

Died in the Grace of our Lord
on November 9, 2002 at the age of 67.

His bereaved family, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at St. Mark Memorial Chapels, 1615 G. Tuazon corner Loreto Sts., Sampaloc, Manila.

Interment will take place at the Manila North Cemetery. Date and time to be announced later.

Rosalina A. Bañares

5TH YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

From Salvador B. Bañares & Family

LILIA HERMOSO SUAREZ

Peacefully joined her Creator on November 7, 2002 at the age of 73.

Her loving husband **Paquito**; children **Francis** and **Cindy**, **Marivic**, **Vincent**, **Bot** and **Cheryl**, **Maribel** and **Don**; grandchildren **Ralph**, **Rina**, **Krisha**, **Miggy**, **Gabby**, **Pauline** and **Carmela**; siblings and in-laws **Cornelio** (†) and **Loleng** (†), **Totoy** and **Nene**, **Jun** and **Chuchi**, **Letty** and **Tony**; and nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Holy Family Hall, Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish, Doña Juana Rodriguez Ave., Broadway, New Manila, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at the Mt. Carmel Crypt after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Hall.

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November 1, 2002

CLARIFICATION re: The Notice
Published in the Philippine Daily Inquirer issue of September 29, 2002 by the Religious of the Virgin Mary.

SUBJECT: MS. EDITHA VALENCIA
Ms. Valencia was granted the Indult of Secularization dispensing her from the vows and all obligations deriving from religious profession by the Sacred Congregation for Institute of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life in 1997.

This declaration serves to clarify that the NOTICE DID NOT IMPLY THAT THE PERSON HAD COMMITTED ANY CRIMINAL ACT.

(PDI - Nov. 10, 2002)

Kagawaran ng Ugnayang Panlabas — Department of Foreign Affairs

PREQUALIFICATION, BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

The Department of Foreign Affairs invites all interested parties to prequalify and to submit sealed bids for the following services:

A. CANTEEN CONCESSIONAIRE SERVICES
B. DIPLOMATIC POUCH SERVICES
C. PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Bid documents may be secured from the Prequalification, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC), Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, 12th Floor, DFA Building, 2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, beginning Wednesday, 20 November 2002 after payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP1,000.00 for the prequalification documents and processing of the same for each of the above service. Prequalification requirements should be submited on or before the dates specified below for each service. For purposes of clarifying certain issues, pre-bid conferences may be held upon determination by the PBAC.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for these services will be distributed to the prequalified bidders after payment of non-refundable administrative fee of PhP5,000.00 to the PBAC Secretariat. Sealed bids shall be submitted to the PBAC not later than the dates specified below and thereafter shall be publicly opened on the dates and venue also specified below:

ACTIVITY	CANTEEN SERVICES	DIPLOMATIC POUCH	PEST CONTROL
Submission of Prequal Docs	18 Dec 2002, 1700H (deadline)	19 Dec 2002, 1700H (deadline)	20 Dec 2002, 1700H (deadline)
Submission of Sealed Bids	29 Jan 2003, 1400H (deadline)	30 Jan 2003, 1400H (deadline)	31 Jan 2003, 1400H (deadline)
Opening of Sealed Bids	29 Jan 2003, 1500H	30 Jan 2003, 1500H	31 Jan 2003, 1500H

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is deemed the most advantageous to the Department. The Department assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made. The Department also reserves the right to confiscate the bid bond should the winning bidder refuse to accept the contract.

(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN**
Undersecretary for Administration
and PBAC Chairperson

(PDI -- Nov. 10 & 17, 2002)

Department of Education, Culture and Sports
THIRD ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION PROJECT
DIVISION PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT
San Jose, Antique

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Loan No. 4108-PH
IFB No. DPISU No. 02/01-2002

1. The Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Education (DepEd) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter referred to as IBRD) toward the cost of Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP), and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments for civil works component of the project. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.*
2. The DepEd Division Project Implementation Support Unit (DepEd–DPISU) for TEEP through the DepEd PBAC ("the Employer") now invites sealed bids from qualified eligible bidders for the Construction/Repair of school buildings itemized in 4 packages ("the Works") in different municipalities in the Province of Antique. The following are the packages and their corresponding cost of bid documents:

PACKAGE I — Costof Bid Documents: P1,500.00

District	School	NC	R	Scope of Work
Sibalom	Egaña ES		5	1u-5cl BLSB w/ office
Belison	Belison CS & Borocboroc ES		6	1u-3cl BLSB & 1u-3cl MPF
Hamtic	Brgy. Botbot	2		1u-2cl
	TOTAL	2	11	

PACKAGE II — Cost of Bid Documents: P1,500.00

District	School	NC	R	Scope of Work
San Remigio I	Calag-itan CS		3	1u-3cl BLSB
San Remigio I	Gen. Luna ES	2		1u-2cl
San Remigio II	Bugo CS		3	1u-3cl BLSB
Sibalom	Brgy Cabladan	2		1u-2cl
	TOTAL	4	6	

PACKAGE III — Cost of Bid Documents: P2,000.00

District	School	NC	R	Scope of Work
Laua-an	Laua-an CS & Oloc PS	4		2u-2cl
Laua-an	Guisijan ES		3	1u-3cl BLSB
Pamongon.	La Rioja ES		5	1u-3cl MPF & 1u-2cl BLSB
Bugasong	Cubay ES	3		1u-3cl
Valderrama	Bunsod ES & Manlacbo ES		7	1u-4cl BLSB & 1u-3cl BLSB
	TOTAL	7	15	

PACKAGE IV — Cost of Bid Documents: P2,000.00

District	School	NC	R	Scope of Work
Sebaste	Aguila ES	2		1u-2cl
Culasi	Biladion ES, Culasi CS & San Juan ES		9	2u-3cl BLSB, 1u-1cl PTCA & 1u-2cl PTCA
Tibiao	San Francisco ES & Tibiao CS		6	2u-3cl BLSB
Tibiao	Sta. Justa ES & Martinez ES		6	2u-3cl BLSB
	TOTAL	2	21	

Legend: NC — New Construction R – Repair BLSB – Bagong Lipunan School Building
MPF – Marcos Pre-Fab PTCA – Parents/Teachers/Community Association

Local contractors should be accredited with the Philippine Contractor's Accreditation Board (PCAB) with a category of at least medium A.

3. Bidding documents may be purchased at the DepEd Division Office, Binirayan, San Jose de Buenavista, Antique starting **November 11, 2002** for a refundable fee (please see attached cost of bid documents per package in paragraph 2), or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of 100 calendar days after Bid Opening and must be accompanied by security of two and a half (2.5%) percent of total bid price or its equivalent in a convertible currency in the form of bank guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank to be submitted together with the bid proposal.
5. Prior to Bid Opening, a Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **November 29, 2002**. The date of submission of bids and bid opening is set on **December 10, 2002**. Both activities will be held at the address indicated in paragraph 3.

(Sgd.) **ANGEL A. GILVAS**
Pre-Post Qualifications, Bids and Awards Committee
Chairman

(PDI – Nov. 10, 2002)

Canadian Embassy — Ambassade du Canada

NOTICE TO ALL CANADIANS

The Canadian Embassy encourages all Canadian citizens residing in the Philippines on a temporary or permanent basis to register with the Canadian Embassy, Manila. This will assist the Embassy in contacting you during times of emergency or natural disaster.

Registration Forms can be obtained at the Embassy which is located on the 9th Floor, Allied Bank Centre, 6754 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, as well as, by fax at (632) 810-4299, by e-mail manil-cs@dfait-maeci.gc.ca
and by telephone at (632) 867-0001 (For mail requests).

AVIS À TOUS LES CANADIENS

L'Ambassade du Canada invite tous les citoyens Canadiens résidant temporairement ou en permanence aux Philippines à sienregister à l'Ambassade du Canada à Manille afin de permettre à l'Ambassade de communiquer avec vous en cas d'urgence ou de désastre.

Les fiches d'inscription sont disponibles à l'Ambassade à l'adresse suivante: 9ième, étage, Allied Bank Centre, 6754 avenue Ayala, ville Makati ainsi que par fax au (632) 810-4299, par courriel manil-cs@dfait-maeci.gc.ca et par téléphone au (632) 867-0001 (envoi par la poste).

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
CENTRAL OFFICE
Bids and Awards Committee

Bldg No 3 San Lazaro Compound
Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila
Telefax No 743-7236
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Local 1338

INVITATION FOR BID

Loan No: 1396-PH(SF)
IFB No.: ICHSP-2002-006TE

1. The Government of the Philippines through the **Department of Health (DOH)** has received a loan from the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** towards the cost of the **INTEGRATED COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT (ICHSP)**, and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Telecommunications Equipment for the Province of Guimaras.
2. The Department of Health desires to procure the Goods described and itemized in the Bid Document through International Shopping in accordance with the applicable guidelines of the ADB, and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from member countries of ADB for the supply, delivery and installation of Telecommunications Equipment.

SCHEDULE OF BID ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITIES	DATE	TIME
Issuance of Bid Documents	November 11 to December 6, 2002	
Pre-Bid Conference	November 25, 2002	1:00 PM
Deadline of Submission of Bids	December 9, 2002	1:00 PM
Opening of Bids	December 9, 2002	1:01 PM

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the **Procurement and Logistics Service (PLS), POP II Warehouse Bldg., San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.**
4. Complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder at this address upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PhP 5,000.00)** or $250 including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be in cash, or bank draft. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons, telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
5. A pre-bidding conference will be held on the scheduled date at the **ICHSP Conference Room, 4th Flr., PTS Bldg., Tayuman St., Sta. Cruz, Manila.**
6. Bids must be delivered to the following address: **CENTRAL OFFICE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE, Ground Floor, Bldg. No. 3, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila at or before 1:00 P.M., 9 December 2002**, after which all bids will be immediately opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of not less than two percent (2%) of Total Bid Price in the currency of the bid or any freely convertible currency. Late bids shall be rejected.
7. The Department of Health reserves the right to reject any or all bids without disclosing any reason, to waive any minor defects or infirmities therein and to accept such bid as may be considered advantageous to DOH and to local health units.

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH**
Assistant Secretary and
Chairperson, COBAC

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID
ITB NO. 2002-06

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) hereby invites sealed bids for the supply and delivery of the following:

1. 150,000 pcs. Injection Vials, 2R Blow Back, Amber, Approx. 3.5 ml brimful Type I Borosilicate Glass, Dimension as per sample
   Includes: 1. Fluted/Lyo Rubber Stopper (as per sample)
   - Pre wash and silicon coated
   - Kept in Sterilizable Bag

   2. Flip Off Aluminum Cap (as per sample)
   - Crimp Caps
2. 150,000 pcs. Injection Vials, 2R Blow Back, Clear, approx. 3.5 ml brimful, Type I Borosilicate Glass, Dimension as per sample
   Includes: 1. Injection Stopper (as per sample)
   - Pre wash and silicon coated
   - Kept in Sterilizable Bag

   2. Flip Off Aluminum Cap (as per sample)
   - Crimp Caps

Note: Bidders are requested to submit samples for evaluation.

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers/ manufacturers/ distributors as certified by the Suppliers Accreditation Committee for Drugs and Medicines and for Medical, Dental, Environmental, Surgical and Laboratory Supplies & Materials of the Department of Health are qualified to participate in this bidding.

Bidding documents can be secured from Mr. Noel Mandac or Ms. Mae Marie Hernandez at the Property & Supply Department, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, upon payment of non-refundable fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00).

Schedule of Activities

a.)	Issuance of Bid Documents	November 11-12, 2002 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
b.)	Submission of Eligibility Requirements	November 15, 2002 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
c.)	Pre-bid Conference	November 22, 2002 (2:30 a.m.) Lecture Room 1, Training Center, RITM
d.)	Submission and Opening of Sealed Bids	November 27, 2002 (2:30 p.m.) Lecture Room 1, Training Center, RITM

Only Pre-qualified Bidders shall be allowed to attend the Pre-bid Conference. Attendance to the Pre-bid conference is a must and failure to show up shall be deemed to have waived his right to participate.

Sealed bids must be submitted on the schedule day of bid opening accompanied by bid security in the amount equivalent to two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total bid price. The bid security maybe in the form of cash, Cashier's or Manager's check, bank draft or guarantee against any reputable bank, letter of credit issued by a commercial bank, surety bond callable on demand issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner or any combination thereof. Interested bidders are requested to present personally or through their authorized representatives their proposals. Letters of authority to represent and sign documents must be properly notarized.

The BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to annul the bidding process anytime prior to the award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the RITM's action.

(Sgd.) **SALVACION R. GATCHALIAN, M.D.**
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - Nov. 3 & 10, 2002)

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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
CENTRAL OFFICE
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

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LOCAL 1338
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30 October 2002

INVITATION FOR BID

IFB NO. 2002-11-27 (6)

The Department of Health hereby invites sealed bids from interested Bidders to provide ***Distribution/Forwarding Services*** to the DOH Central Office and Centers for Health Development (CHD) for the year 2003. The estimated budget for this procurement is Twenty-Four Million Philippines Pesos (PhP 24,000,000.00).

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon payment of ***non-refundable fee of two thousand (PhP2,000.00) pesos*** only from the Procurément and Logistics Service from *11 November to 26 November 2002*, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

A ***pre-bidding conference*** will be held on *13 November 2002* at ***1:00 p.m.***, BHDT Conference Room, Building #24-, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Bids must be submited to the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) at the BHDT Conference Room not later than ***1:00 p.m.*** on *27 November 2002*. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in an amount of ***Five Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos,*** in the form of certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft/ guarantee confirmed by a reputable local bank, irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable commercial bank, or any combination thereof, as may be required by the head of the agency concerned.

The Department of Health reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds to the Department of Health.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, M.D., MPH, CESO II**
Assistant Secretary of Health
Chairperson, Central Office Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI--Nov. 2 & 10, 2002)

Department of Health
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Tel. Nos. 807-26-28 to 32 Fax No. 842-22-45

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID
ITB NO. 2002-05

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) hereby invites sealed bids for the supply and delivery of the following:

1. 6,000 vials Equine Rabies Immune Globulin, 1,000 I.u., 5 ml.

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers/ manufacturers/ distributors as certified by the Suppliers Accreditation Committee for Drugs and Medicines and for Medical, Dental, Environmental, Surgical and Laboratory Supplies & Materials of the Department of Health are qualified to participate in this bidding.

Bidding documents can be secured from Mr. Noel Mandac or Ms. Mae Marie Hernandez at the Property & Supply Department, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, upon payment of non-refundable fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00).

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(Sgd.) **SALVACION R. GATCHALIAN, M.D.**
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - Nov. 3 & 10, 2002)

Martin holds two shows in one day at Onstage

NIEVERA

CONCERT king Martin Nievera makes another first as he gives two final performances in his well-received concert series, "Opening Night The Repeat," at Onstage in Greenbelt, Makati City.

Martin will hold two shows on Nov. 16, a 4 p.m. matinee and a gala at 9 p.m. It is a fitting way to end a successful series of shows.

"Opening Night" had an extended run in July this year and another round of shows last month.

Watch how Martin displays his vocal prowess and how he can sustain his seemingly boundless energy for the entire night.

His repertoire is a mix of his own hits, cover versions of chart-toppers by Enrique Iglesias, Josh Groban and Creed.

Also included are old-time favorites by Barry Manilow, James Ingram and Seals and Croft.

Martin bares his heart and soul with each song and shares his insights on love and relationships.

There's also a celebrity guest in the "Late @ Nite" portion of the show.

"Opening Night" is a production of Big Mouth International for Maxi-Media International.

The show is presented by Smart, Samsung and Coffeemate, with support from Beam Toothpaste and Farlin Baby Care Products.

Minor sponsors are Don Henrico's, National Sports Grill, Wendy's Hamburgers, Alberto Shoes, Coffee Experience, Dulcolax, Advil, Play and Display, Sarabia and Mossimo Sunglasses, Disudrin, Magic Sing Videoke Microphone and PH Care.

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November jamming at Brick Road

JAM with the country's top show bands this month as The Brick Road bares it lineup of concerts.

Q&A performs oldies on Nov. 15.

Laugh your hearts out as Fat Session gears up on Nov. 16.

The Big Deal Band jams it up on Nov. 23, while Limited Edition performs Nov. 29.

Groove to the music of the Merchants of Groove on Nov. 30.

All shows start 7 p.m., with special performances from top stand-up comedy acts from Giggles Bar and Restaurant.

The Brick Road is at the East Wing Open Carpark of Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall and also houses other establishments like TGI Fridays, Gloria Maris, Cabalen, Don Henrico's, Padi's Point, Figaro Coffee Company, Boardwalk KTV, Me Gusta Bar and Grill and James Cooper Salon and Spa.

Divas go acoustic

VIVA Records, the music producing arm of the Viva Entertainment Group, recently released an album of acoustic recordings featuring the leading female pop singers today.

Titled "Acoustic Divas," the album is bannered by Regine Velasquez's hit, "Pangako," a composition by Ogie Alcasid which was used as the theme of Regine's film opposite Aga Muhlach, "Pangako Ikaw Lang."

Jinky Vidal of Freestyle goes solo with a new version of the pop group's hit, "So Slow."

Pops Fernandez sings "Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang," a ballad she originally recorded with Freestyle.

Other divas in the album Sharon Cuneta with "The Promise," Jaya with "Honesty," Zsa Zsa Padilla with "Sa Kanya."

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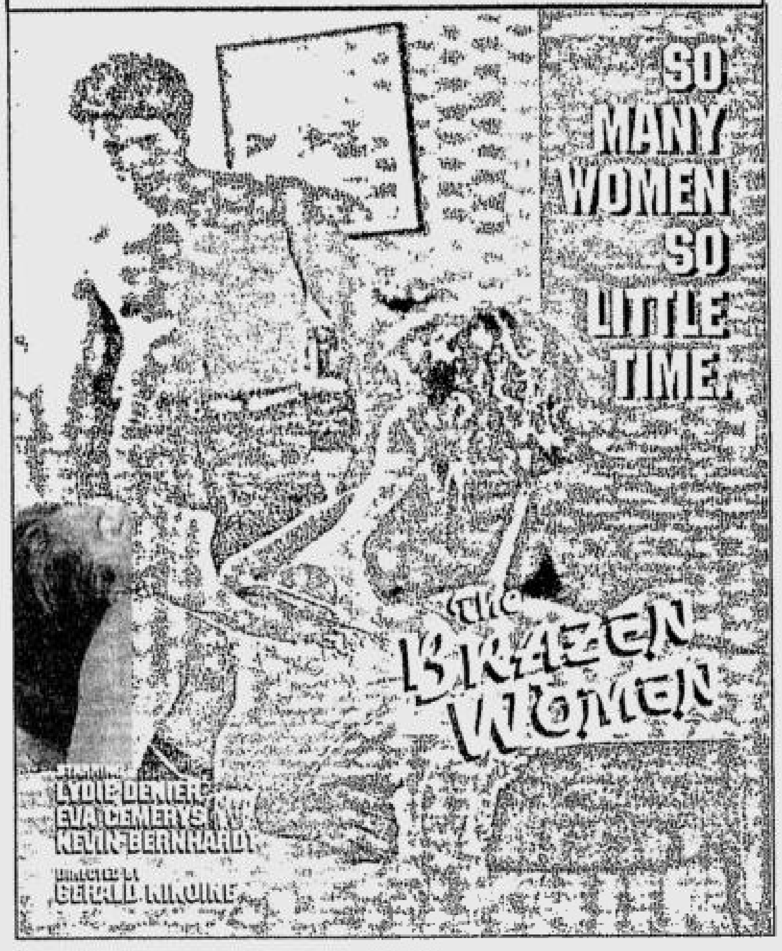

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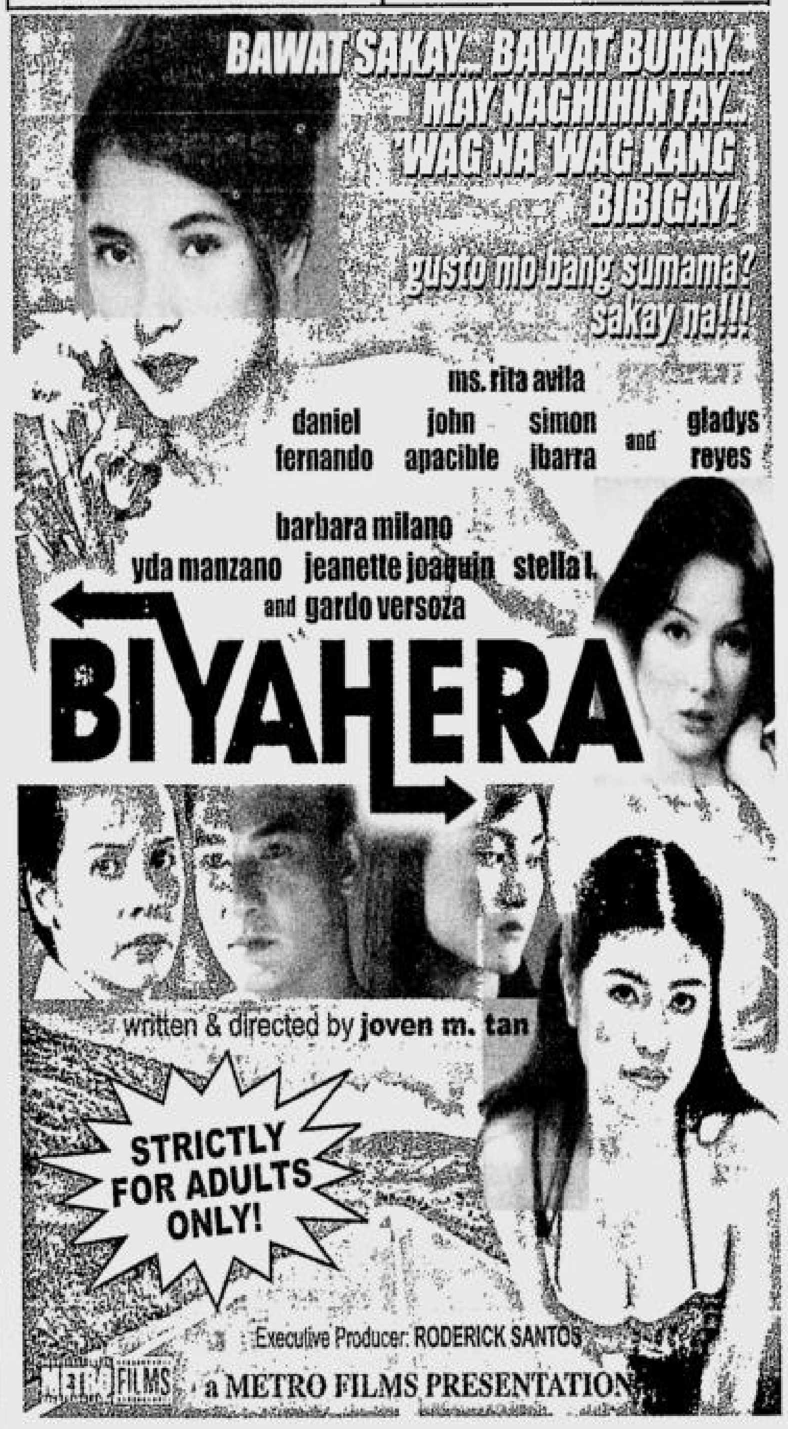
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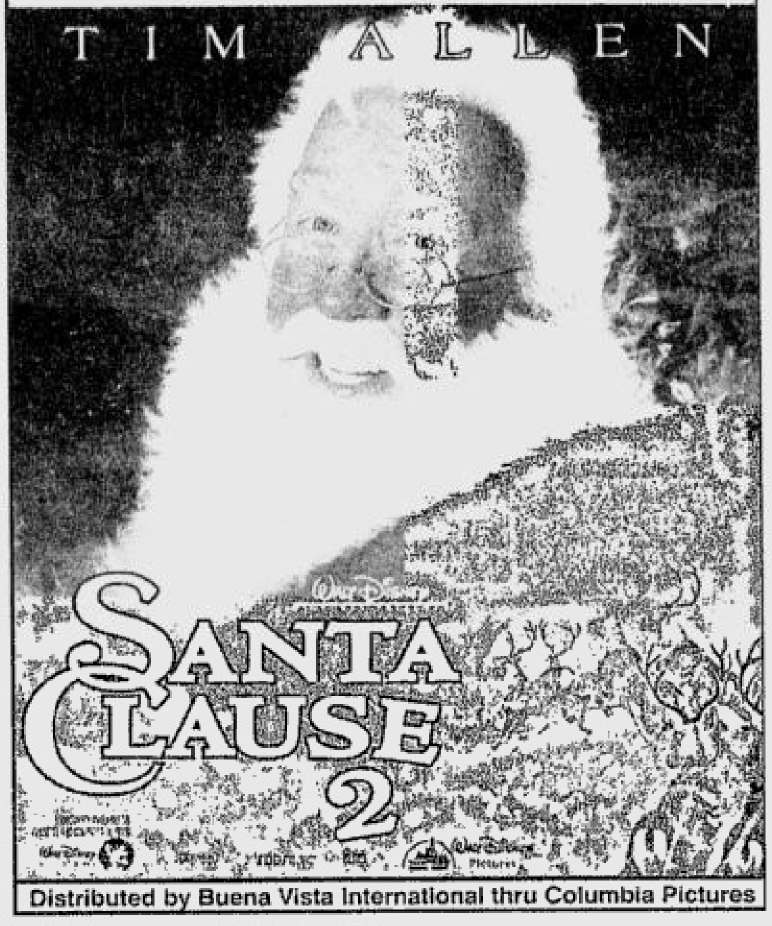

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Ogie himself is also busy with his recording career. His new single, "Sana," the fourth cut lifted from his platinum album, "A Better Man," is now number two in the top OPM charts, trailing just behind his good friend, Regine Velasquez.

A live album of Ogie's sold-out concert, "OA sa Hits," will be released end of the year.

Ogie recently won the much-coveted album of the year and best male recording artist trophies at the Awit Awards.

In the movie scene, Ogie has just completed "Best Man" with comedian Michael V. The comedy flick had an extended run at the box-office.

Ogie is now filming "Jumbo Day," with Andrew E. and Rufa Mae Quinto under Viva Films.

Ogie also recently won the Star Awards for TV trophy as best comedy actor.

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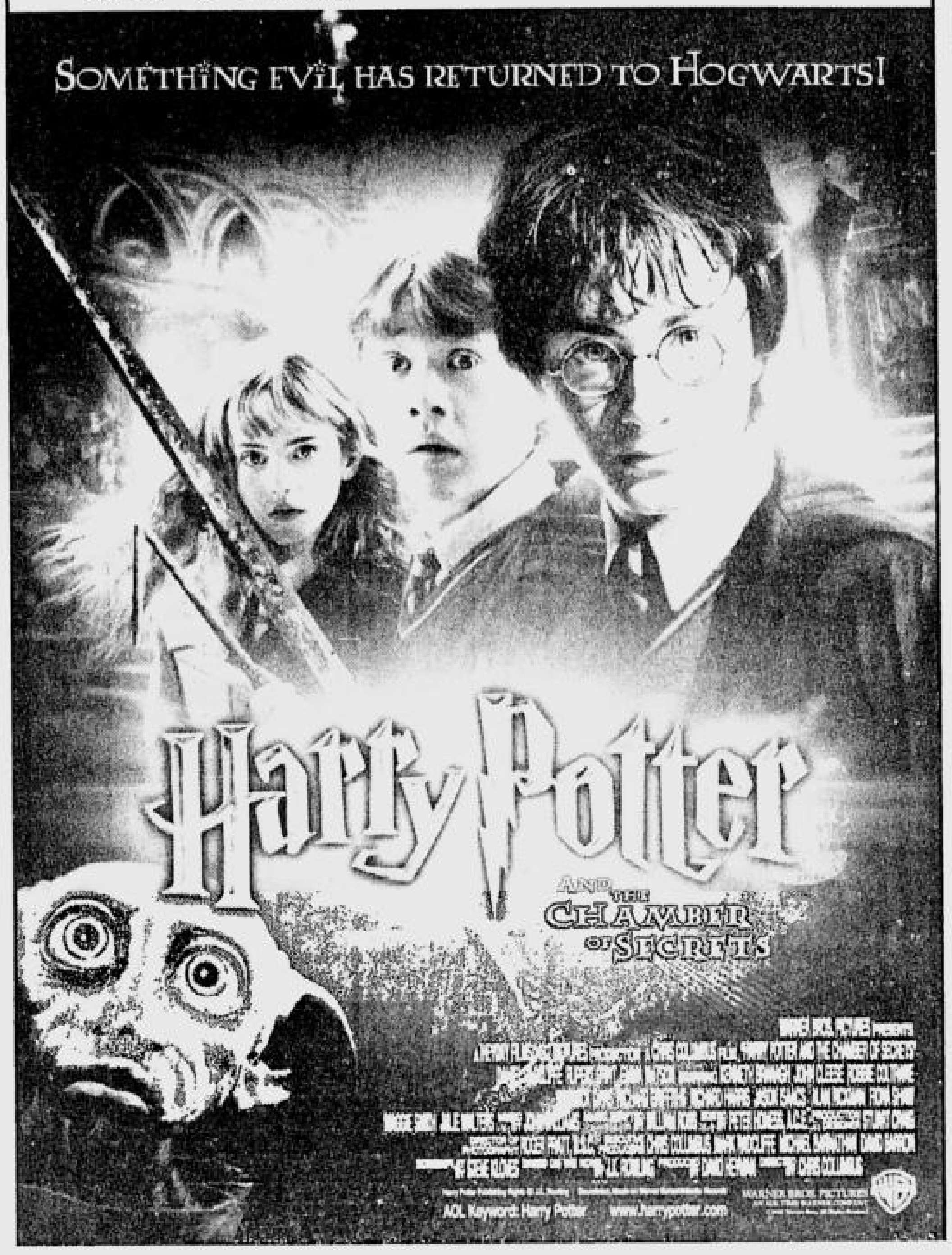
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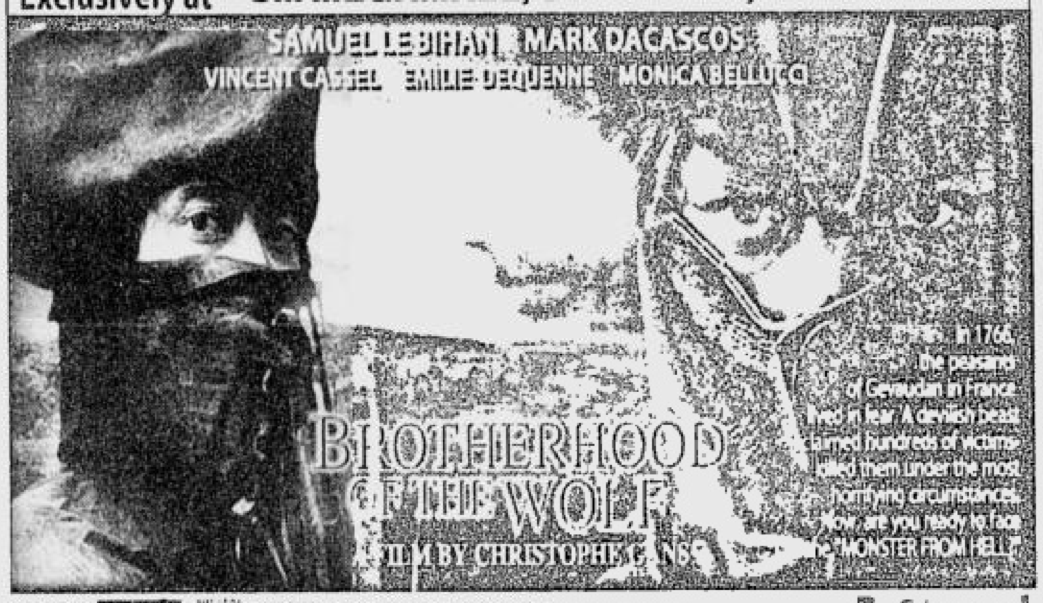
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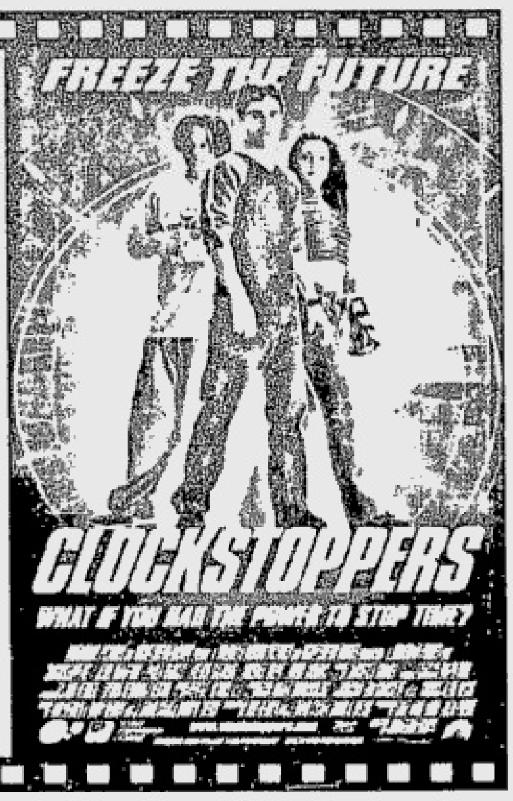
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On the magic broomstick of fame, 'Harry Potter' kids keep feet on the ground

In this exclusive interview, the INQUIRER comes face-to-face with Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson and finds them unpretentious and down-to-earth

By Ruel S. De Vera

LONDON—When one's face adorns billboards all over the world, one might get overwhelmed by it all—especially if one is 12 and just happens to be Harry Potter. But Daniel Radcliffe says that simply isn't the case.

Now obviously taller and looking quite a bit like a slightly more self-possessed Elijah Wood, Radcliffe arrives at the London press conference for "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" dressed quite dapper and appearing quite cool about it all. He's not a kid anymore, but he's no Hollywood brat either. .

"I think my life has kind of changed surprisingly little," he smiles disarmingly. "I mean, obviously I'm recognized sometimes when people come up to me on the street. But that's actually kind of great fun and it's really cool because they just talk about the film and they're really enthusiastic about it and it's really great to know what they have to say. As far as like, I mean doing just normal kid stuff, I do that all the time. I think I just like to have pizza parties all the time, which is when I get some friends around to eat pizza and just be lazy boys, which is fun."

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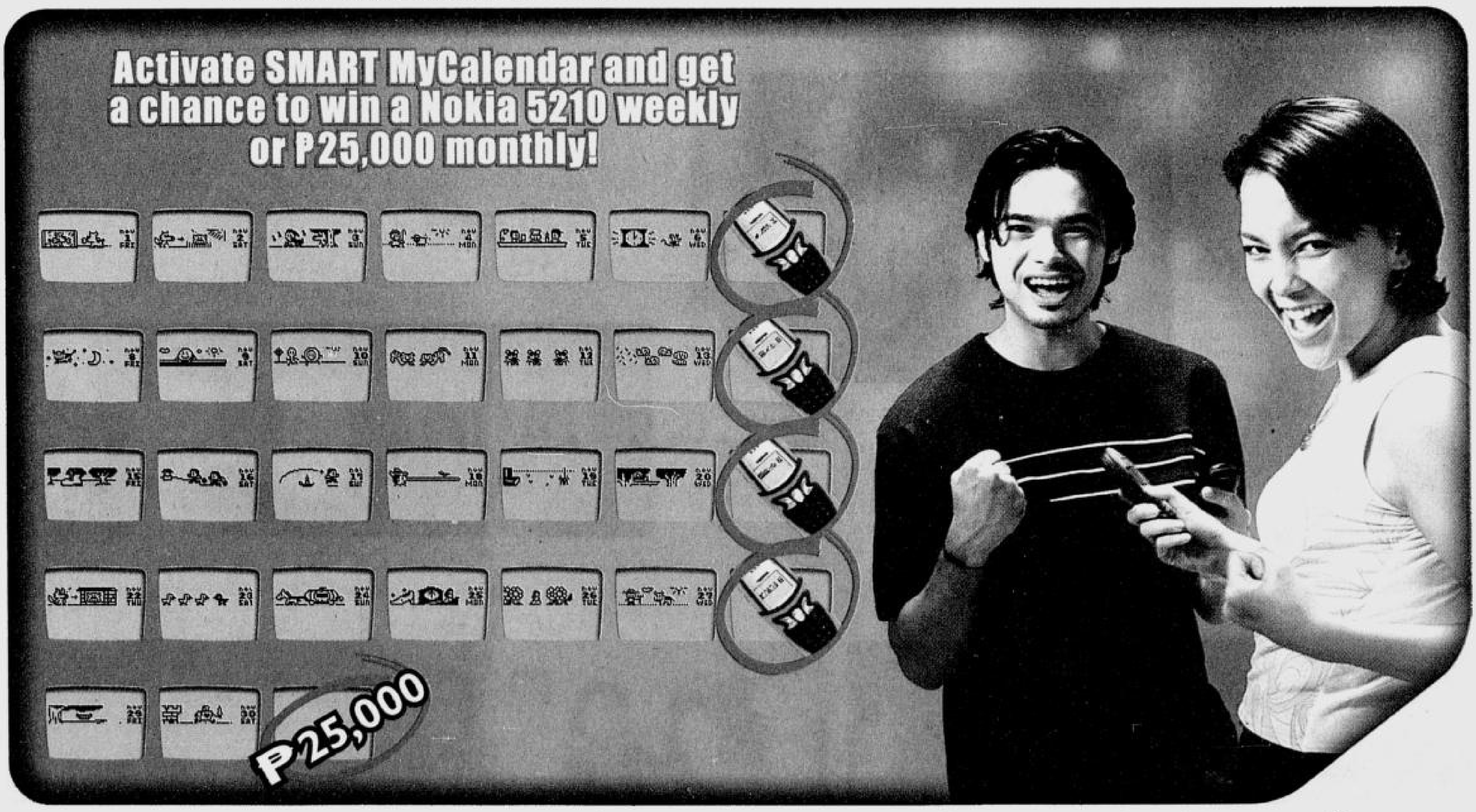
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An evening of Spanish classics

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Jaime Picornell

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It had a barrio fiesta theme in lieu of the usual formal event since the locale called for a more informal dress code. There were tents all over, decorated pergolas, a patio set aside for the band and dancing, plus various buffets featuring the Casino's famed specialties—paella, *callos*, *lengua*, etc. Wine from Señorio de los Llanos (Valdepenas, Spain) flowed all night.

Welcoming the guests were the Casino officers—president **Jess Cuenco** with his wife **Tess** (Doña Teresa de Garcia's granddaughter); VP **Ed Misa** and wife **Helen**; secretary **Edgar Gica** and wife **Marna** who were the dancing-est couple; treasurer **Angel Veloso Jr.**; house chair **Jose Maria Miranda**; cultural officer **Manuel Sainz** and his wife **Melba**.

As usual, the Casino's food consultant, **Gema Pido**, was congratulated for the great menu, and club manager **Rudy Rubi** for the impeccable service rendered by the waiters and barmen.

Special guests during this occasion were sopranos **Ana Luisa Espinosa** (from Spain), **Maria Rachelle Gerodias** and **Josefina Roces Chavez**, with pianist **Johnny Torres** who had a performance the following day presented by the Arts Council and Instituto Cervantes at the City Sports Center of Ayala's Cebu Business Park.

The visiting artists were accompanied by **Elvira Lu Ym**, **Marissa Fernan** and **Vivina Yrastorza,** who were in charge of the program. Five-hundred music lovers attended the performance. A welcome address was delivered by Instituto Cervantes director **Javier Galvan**.

The stage was beautifully decorated with rare and exotic plants from the vast garden of **Jaime Chua**. Chavez opened the program with Danza Española No. 5 by Enrique Granados, followed by "El Pano Moruno" from a collection of seven popular Spanish songs by Manuel de Falla.

Next came Gerodias with three classic songs by Fernando Obradors—"Al armor," "Chiquitita la novia" and "Del cabello mas sutil."

Espinosa's first song was "Cancion de Paloma" from the famous Spanish *zarzuela* "El Barberillo de Lavapies" by Francisco Barbieri. Pretty as she is, she told us earlier about how she worked in a bank in her hometown, saved money for voice lessons and took a bus to Madrid thrice a week for those lessons. Now that she has made it as a singer of note, she has decided to concentrate on *zarzuelas*. These musical comedies sometimes have songs as demanding as operatic arias. There is a revival of them in Spain at the moment.

Espinosa and Chavez then did a duet—"Barcarolle" from "Les Contes de Hoffmann" by Jacques Offenbach. Espinosa's next duet was with Gerodias—"Sull'aria" from "The Marriage of Figaro" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Rachelle gave a solo rendition of "Ang Maya" from the Philippine *zarzuela* "Filipinas para los Filipinos" by Jose Estella. "It's a waltz," whispered Fe Sala Villarica, who added she would not mind dancing it. She remained in her seat, though, as composed as ever.

Chavez joined Gerodias to sing "Ang Pagibig Mo" from "Ang Binhi" by Restie Umali. Espinosa did Juan de Hernandez's "Canto Patriotico de Maria Clara" whose lyrics are by national hero Jose Rizal. It's quite a feat for any soprano. Part I closed with Chavez singing the popular Cebuano love song "Usahay," which, as expected, brought the house down.

For **Johnny Torres**, dressed in a colorful shirt, it was an opportunity to do what he does best. He performed three bouncy piano pieces by Chick Corea—"Armando's Rhumba," "Spain" and "La Fiesta." The rest of the program featured the three sopranos proving how versatile they were.

Gerodias electrified everyone with "Estrellita," by Mexican composer Manuel Ponce; Chavez went pop with "Besame Mucho" by Consuelo Velasquez and "A Mi Manera," which is the Spanish version of Frank Sinatra's signature song "My Way"; and Espinosa rendered three songs by Ernesto Lecuana who is her favorite.

The finale had the three of them singing "Amigos Para Siempre," which means "Friends Forever" and which Andrew Lloyd Webber specially composed for the Olympic Games held in Barcelona (1992). Everyone in the audience had been given a piece of paper with its lyrics, in a mix of English and Spanish, so that when the three women performed it as an encore, everyone sang with them.

It was a lovely number to conclude a wonderful evening. For Javier Galvan and the visiting artists, there was an after-the-concert dinner at the scenic home of Elvira Lu Ym in Maria Luisa Estate Park. Guests were led by Arts Council president **Petite Garcia,** who said that there would be more cultural events coming up.

Other events will be staged by the British Council. There is the two-character play "Static," scheduled at the new amphitheater of St. Theresa's College on Nov. 23. The play won the First Fringe award at the Edinburgh Festival 2000. **Ridget Escolme** and **Jon Spooner** will portray the main characters. The author, Chris Thorpe will be here, too, for the "Media Responsibility and Alternative Theater Workshop" by Unlimited Theatre UK on Nov. 25, also at the STC's amphitheater.

Then, on Dec. 22 comes British cellist **Matthew Barley**, who will be in a concert with a 23-member ensemble from the Peace Philharmonic, aptly titled "With Strings Attached." This is the fruit of an earlier workshop by the ensemble with Barley. Conducting the concert will be **Chino Toledo.** The show's special guest is 10-year-old **Sylvia Gomez,** who sings like an angel. Aside from a cello concerto by Haydn, the program offers contemporary pieces and a Christmas medley.

VIVINA Yrastorza, Fe Sala Villarica, Instituto Cervantes Director Javier Galvan and Herme Villarica

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The event was attended by Motorola Philippines top executives Ellen T. Suarez, marketing manager for Consumer Solutions Group - South Asia; Jun Campos, customer service engineer; Aurora Rios, quality service manager; Mitzi Salonga, senior sales administrator; Jots Quejada, Philippines' corporate country manager; and Joel Tiglao, regional security director.

Milen Sison-de Quiros, president of Full Circle Communications, gave the welcome remarks.

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MODELS with Motorola's Ellen T. Suarez (center) show off the Motorola E360.

Lighting of Intramuros begins

LAST Oct. 4, the stretch of Sta. Lucia Street in Intramuros came alive at dusk when 100 lampposts installed by the Volunteers for Intramuros Preservation (VIP) were switched on in a ceremony that launched the first phase of the group's lighting project.

It is also the first phase of the plan to revitalize Intramuros by making it a real cultural village.

Held at the Baluarte de San Diego Gardens, the lighting ceremony was participated in by VIP chair Betsy Tenchavez, president Presy Ramos, and director Susan Grau of the Lights Committee; Meralco president Chito Francisco, Olongapo Mayor Kate Gordon, foreign diplomats, the Intramuros business community and Department of Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon.

The VIP is a non-govemment, non-profit organization that supports the goal of developing Intramuros into a viable cultural and commercial center. By 2003, the VIPs, composed of around 25 private individuals, hopes to complete the first phase of a two-year project that dovetails with the DOT plan to make Intramuros the center of tourism in the National Capital Region.

More lampposts are expected to be installed in the next few months. The lampposts are designed in the old European style and cost P30,000 (single head) and P50,000 (double head). Next to be lit after Santa Lucia Street are the streets of Muralla, San Francisco, Solana, Sto. Tomas, General Luna and Real.

The lighting project is part of DOT's "Rediscovering Intramuros" under the "Visit Philippines 2003" program, which seeks to enhance the beauty of the Walled City without taking away its inherent features. The program aims to restore Intramuros' reputation as a safe and enjoyable place day or night.

VIP is coordinating with the Intramuros Administration and the Philippine Convention and Visitors Corporation. Under the project, Intramuros will have lush and colorful parks, streets decorated with banners and flags, clean and well-lit *baluartes*, *puertas* and *revellins*.

A cultural market, open day and night, will showcase local products like antiques, art, ethnic crafts, and flowers. Different tours will be available to visitors. The Café at the Wall will sell authentic Filipino delicacies.

By the end of December, the Lights and Sound Museum will open. Call 911-5403 or 627-3820.

MERALCO president Chito Francisco with Secretary Richard Gordon and VIP Chairperson Betsy Tenchavez during the launch of the Intramuros Lighting Project

MEMBERS of the Volunteers for Intramuros Preservation (VIP): Cora Antonio, Cristy Zialcita, Ruby Tuazon, Marilyn Teotico, Nina dela Peña, Betsy Tenchavez, Gino dela Peña, Richard and Kate Gordon, Joey Delfino, Susan Grau and Andrew and Mano Morales

QUINTINA V. Elicano recently celebrated her 94th birthday at the Corinthian Garden Club House. Standing from left, are T. R. Elicano III, Yvonne Elicano, the honoree, Patching Eiaw, Paulette Eaiw, Dr. Tranquilino Elicano Jr. and Rose Marie Ong.

VILLA Granada de Guia (seated 3rd from right) celebrated her birthday at her residence in Essensa Global City, Makati. With her in photo are well-wishers (L-R): Helen O. Del Rosario; Madame Ulrike Caetano Da Silva, wife of the Portuguese Ambassador; Narda Camacho; Madame Kasera Sera, wife of the Netherland Ambassador; Letty Jorman De Guia; Madame Grace Inieges, wife of the Nigerian Ambassador; and Madame Safart Majet, wife of the Iraq charge d'affaires.

More magic in new Harry Potter movie

By Ruel S. De Vera

REVIEW

LONDON—If director Chris Columbus had intended to improve the celluloid brew that bubbled into the whomping willow-sized hit "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," then he certainly had applied the alchemy in earnest in the sequel, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

> The sequel conjures up a darker, sleeker vision of wizardry and growing up

Based, of course, on J.K. Rowling's magically successful second title in the Hogwarts series, "Chamber" brings audiences up to speed with aspiring wizard Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) as he returns for his second year at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Once there, he reunites with friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson), but also seems unable to extricate himself from his usual lot of being in the thick of frightening events. Something has been petrifying people at the school, leaving them close to death—and Harry is the number one suspect. To absolve himself, Harry must unravel the truth behind the mysterious Chamber of Secrets and find out what has been calling out to him from the bowels of the school—a search that will reveal even more something about himself and the history of Hogwarts.

Clocking in even longer than the first movie at two hours and 41 minutes, "Chamber" doesn't feel like it. Columbus, apparently satisfied with the 45 minutes of exposition in "Sorcerer's Stone," gets right down to it. Moving away from the first movie's plodding pace, "Chamber" instead rockets from the gate like a determined Quidditch player with the characters constantly and breathlessly mouthing explanations between bouts of running for their lives. It almost feels as if Columbus, who steps down as director with this movie (Alfonso Cuaron will helm the third), is trying to cram as much of the book into the movie as possible.

More to watch

Screenwriter Steven Kloves cleverly, if a tad mercilessly, condenses Rowling's sprawling story, concentrating on the more diverting and key plot points. And there is much more to watch in this movie than in the first. From the flying car scene to the fabulous Quidditch match (noticeably and enjoyably faster than the previous one), Columbus imbues "Chamber" with a thrill-ride vibe, not unlike the quality possessed by first-person fantasy video games. Spiders and giant snakes just keep flying at viewers.

The three young actors return in fine form, admittedly a bit taller and older. Radcliffe is more poised and confident, now clearly at ease as the Hogwarts hero. Columbus has also given more substantial screen presence to the other actors, save for the notable exception of Alan Rickman as Prof. Severus Snape. The movie also thus becomes an important footnote as the last movie of the late screen giant Richard Harris, who reprises his role as snow-bearded Hogwarts headmaster Prof. Albus Dumbledore. Wizened and gentle in his scenes, Harris crafts what amounts to a small and accessible valedictory to a memorable career.

"Chamber of Secrets," notably, is a great showcase for the talent of two new characters. Kenneth Branagh is effectively hammy as the foppish and self-absorbed teacher Gilderoy Lockhart, and Jason Isaacs (menacing in "The Patriot" and grittily heroic in "Black Hawk Down") glowers with quiet hatred as the imposing Lucius Malfoy, looking very much like the long-lost evil twin of Legolas.

Perhaps the best character to emerge in "Chamber of Secrets" is Hogwarts itself. No longer just a backdrop for the actors, the school, with its moving paintings and shifting staircases, is exploited to greater effect. Audiences will also see much of the Hogwarts students' daily routines. Also more fleshed out and diverting are locations such as the Dursley home in Privet Drive and the magical Weasley home.

As far as the special effects go, one can grow quite blasé about the fantastic creatures such as those present here—the obvious effect of mind-numbing features like "Eight Legged Freaks" and "Reign of Fire." But the Basilisk moves with a fluid swiftness that no classic movie monster ever possessed, and the giant spider Aragog radiates with a mysterious menace missing from the cornball "Freaks." It is to Columbus' credit that while we've seen monsters like these before, it's not so much the creatures but how they're used that counts. It is not for nothing that producers have warned that people suffering from arachnophobia—or are afraid of spiders—should skip "Chamber of Secrets," as Columbus ratchets up the suspense for the sequel.

Then there's the little matter of the pitch-perfect, if somewhat overly wrinkled, digital creation of Dobby the House Elf. Fortunately steering away from Jar-Jar Binks-quality theatrics, Dobby's almost malevolent cluelessness works. "Chamber of Secrets" will make us happy we don't actually have house elves.

Darker, more sophisticated

It is also notable that while "Sorcerer's Stone" felt like an obvious introduction to the Harry Potter mythology and seemed geared for younger viewers, "Chamber of Secrets" has a darker, more sophisticated feel to it, carrying the spirit of young adult horror and adventure novels. Parents may, in fact, want to see the movie first before bringing younger children to view it, as "Chamber" is far more of a thriller with nightmarish images compared to the first movie. But it is also obvious that the film is surer of itself than the first one.

"Chamber's" faster pace and sleeker feel (it has been enchanted with far more special effects than "Sorcerer's Stone") makes it a polished piece of filmmaking, for an older, broader audience. It is a shame that Columbus will leave the series as he has obviously absorbed the material. In "Chamber," he seems to throw everything he had into the pot to produce the movie, loading up every possible scene with effects and cinematic pyrotechnics. But "Chamber" is also a more nuanced product, dealing with the intricacies and concerns of growing up clearly for the first time. There's reason to hope for a more thoughtful third film.

At the end of this long but enjoyable return to Hogwarts, the viewer will feel as if everyone had tried their best to please, perhaps even a bit overly hard. But "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" comes as billed: an inspired, non-stop flying Ford Anglia full of great effect and cute kids, in almost every way, a crystal-ball clear improvement from the original.

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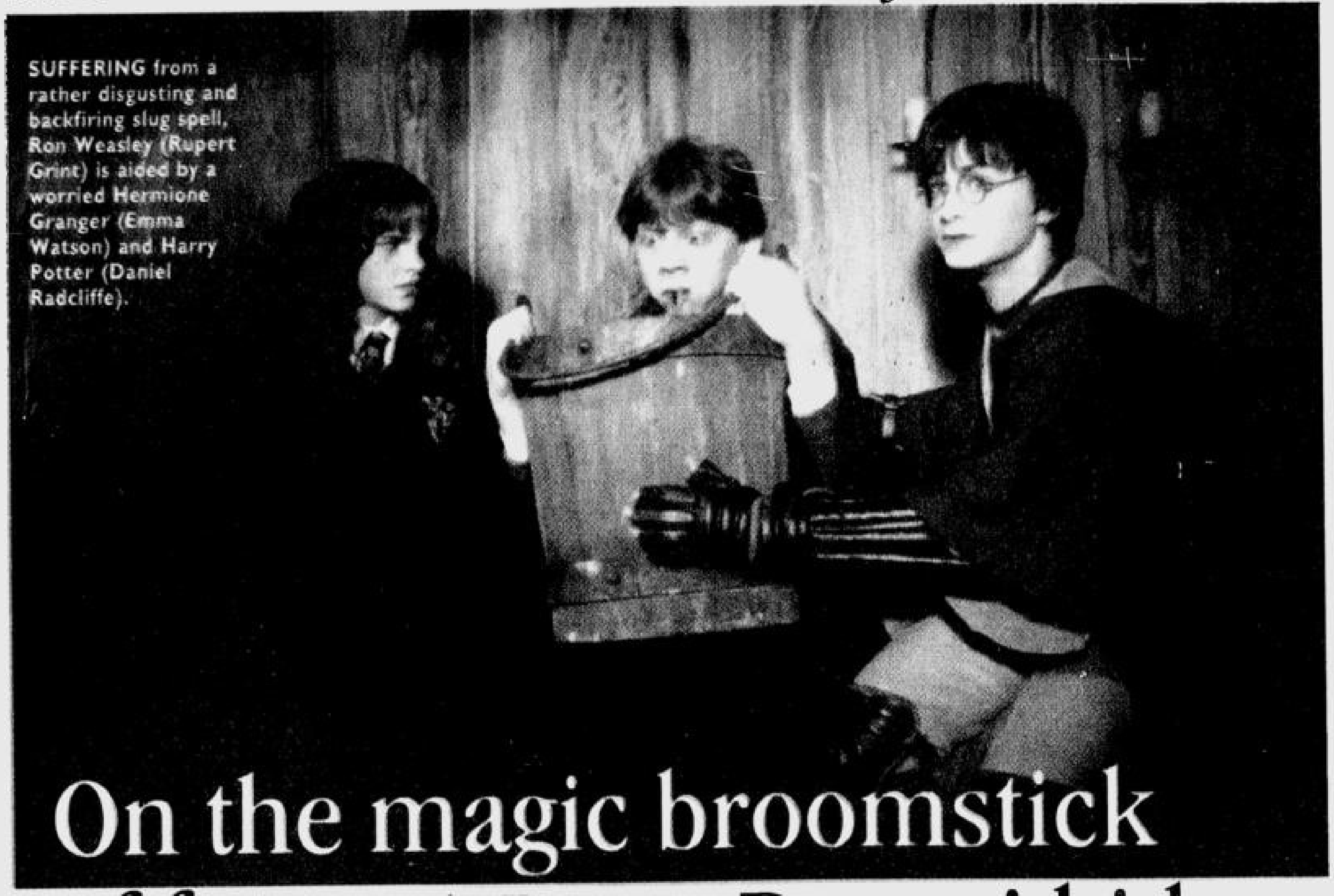
SUFFERING from a rather disgusting and backfiring slug spell, Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) is aided by a worried Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe).

On the magic broomstick of fame, 'Harry Potter' kids keep feet on the ground

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RON, Hedwig and Harry face an anxious moment in the flying Ford Anglia.

NEW DEFENSE AGAINST THE DARK ARTS. Prof. Gilderoy Lockhart (Kenneth Branagh) can't get away from the ready wands of Harry and Ron.

> Despite the astounding success of their movies, Radcliffe and his young co-actors remain unaffected by their celebrity

By now, the story of how the producers of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" decided that Radcliffe was the perfect person to play Harry the moment he walked into the room has become almost apocryphal. But Radcliffe was no greenhorn: he had previously appeared on British TV as the young David Copperfield and in the feature film "The Tailor of Panama" as Jamie Lee Curtis' son.

For Rupert Grint, 13, and Emma Watson, 12, "Sorcerer's Stone" was their first time in front of the bright lights as Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. Yet they say nothing has changed. Well, mostly nothing, anyway.

"I mean, obviously I'm recognized on the way from home a lot more and, let's face it, I have an action figure of myself," the increasingly fetching Watson chimes in. "But apart from that I'm just trying to keep my life as normal as possible."

Impish as ever

Grint, speaking in an obviously deeper voice but still as impish as ever, has actually done his mates one better, having appeared in the film "Thunderpants" in the interim: "Me, down in the market I get recognized sometimes. That's really cool. I've tried certain disguises and stuff but it doesn't work."

While some things in their lives have changed, others have stayed the same. Radcliffe is currently enjoying his time at a new school and is still very much a fan of British punk. Watson says she "definitely looked forward to going back to set more than I ever did wanted to go back to school." Typically, Grint explains that "my friends have been great, they treat me normally, it's just the teachers, they tend to suck up a bit."

GINNY Weasley (Bonnie Wright) and Harry face an unspeakable horror in the Chamber of Secrets.

Director Chris Columbus and producer David Heyman have praised the three young actors for their much improved performances. Radcliffe and Grint, who both have a lot of stunts in the new movie, say they enjoyed playing action heroes. "Like when I'm hanging out of the car window, that was actually me. And I was hanging like 25, 30 feet up in the air and it was really cool," Radcliffe says.

Grint, however, points out that not all his scenes were exactly easy. "The most challenging scene for me was the spider scene because I don't like spiders in real life anyway," he shivers. "So even rubber ones I get really scared of."

The three kids actually returned to the Harry Potter set a mere three days after "Sorcerer's Stone" opened. With British law limiting the number of hours they can work, they have made the adjustment to being professional actors rather well. Still, Radcliffe, who has expressed a wish of remaining an actor, says working with an acting great like Kenneth Branagh was a treat. "In a way it's quite intimidating when you're first about to meet him because he's an unbelievable Shakespearean actor," Radcliffe explains. "But then you actually meet him and he's like one of the nicest guys I've ever met and so it's an honor to work with him."

Watson adds that they were quite focused on becoming better actors despite the newfound attention. "I think when you take away all the like premieres and like all the press stuff and all the special effects and take all the frilly stuff off, you kind of just comes down to the fact that it's just acting and I think that's been the best thing for me."

Returning to the world of Hogwarts remains a very rewarding time for them, filmwise. "I loved filming the dueling scene," Radcliffe beams. Grint had a, uh, tasteful time as well. "My favorite scene was the slug scene," Grint laughs. "I loved doing that scene because I had all these different flavored slug slime. There was like chocolate, peppermint, orange, lemon, and it made them taste really nice."

Family reunion

Radcliffe, in fact, describes the mood on the Harry Potter set as filial. "I think it was a lot funnier than actually going back to school. I think it was more like a family reunion because over the first one, I think we all kind of became a family."

As newly minted stars, the three get their

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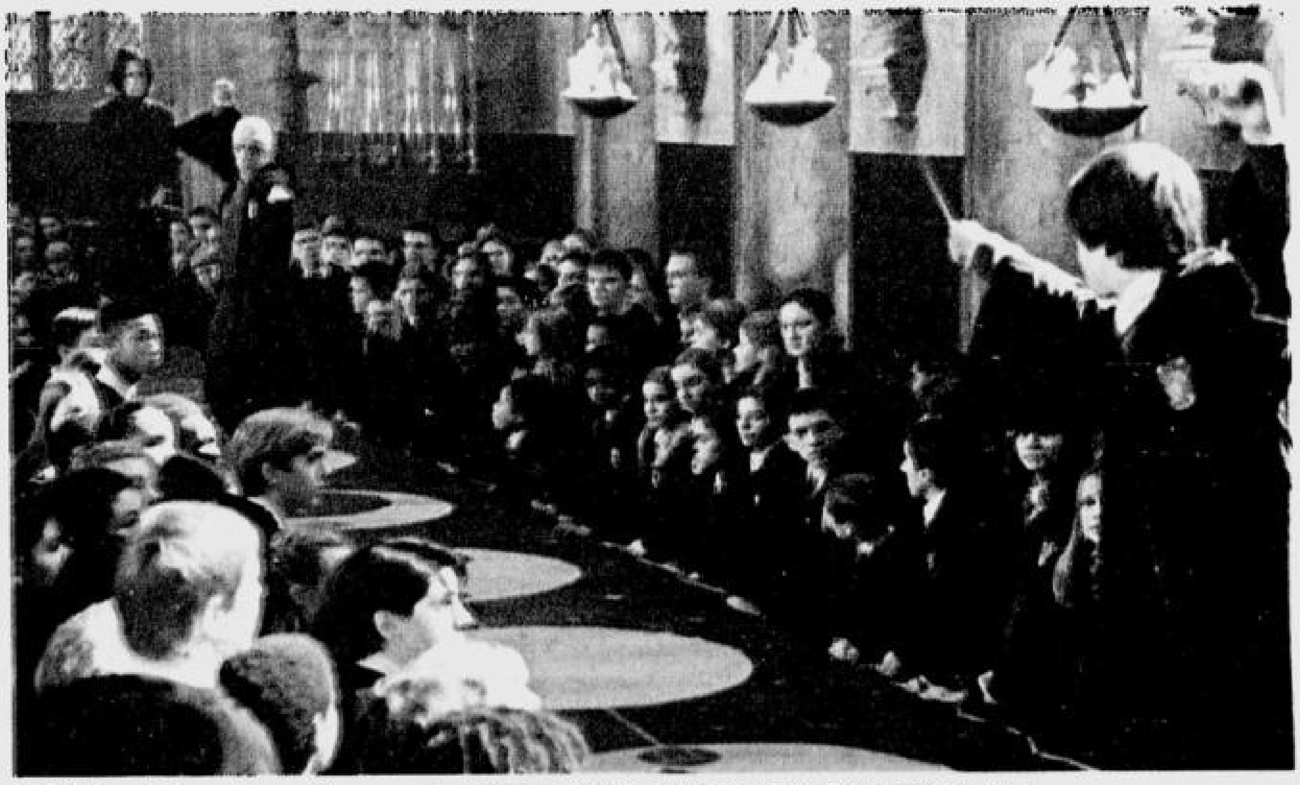
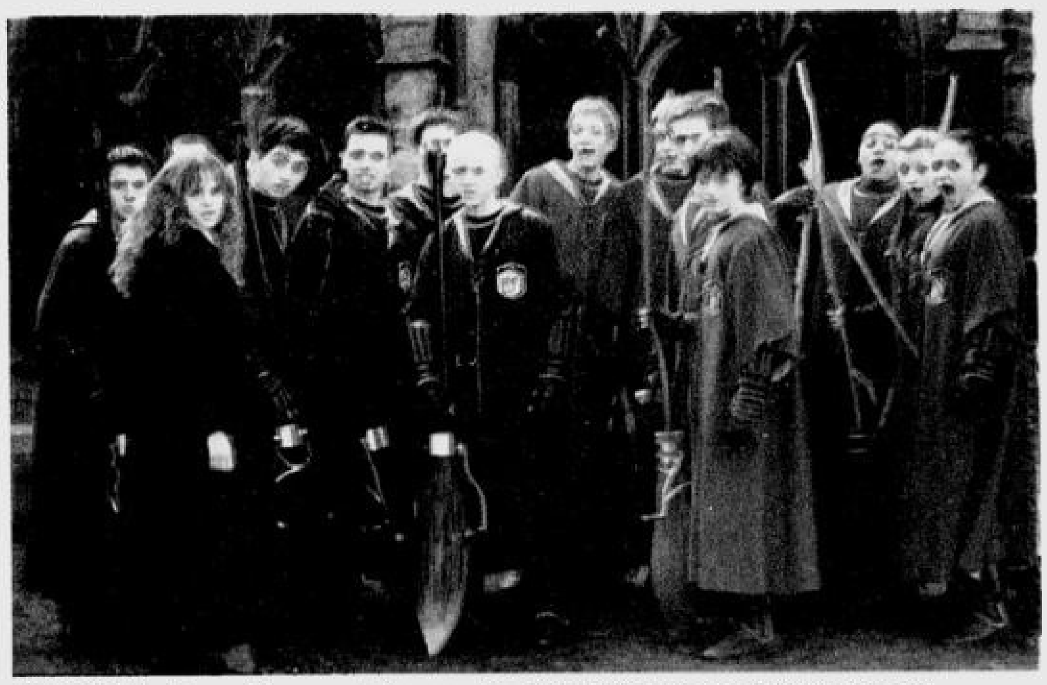
DRACO Malfoy (Tom Felton) pursues a wary Harry during the Slytherin-Gryffindor Quidditch match.


DRACO and Harry face off in a magical duel as Professor Snape (Alan Rickman) looks on.


HERMIONE, Draco, Harry and the combined Quidditch teams of Slytherin and Gryffindor are distracted by something on the field.

Big shoes to fill

MUCH like the late lamented Richard Harris, Robbie Coltrane's participation in the "Harry Potter" movies has introduced him to an entirely new audience. As Harris became known for his dashing, nuanced roles in movies such as "Camelot," Coltrane became a mainstream presence in the United Kingdom as the character Fitz in the British hit crime drama "Cracker" in the 1990s. His girth and looming presence lent him the kind of gravity that allowed him to portray Russian gangster Valentin Zukovsky in two James Bond movies and, more recently, a turn in "From Hell."

Those roles sprung from a lifelong interest in acting—and accents. "I love accents," the Scottish actor smiles. That's also led him to a rather picky set of roles throughout his 20-year career. Having been the top choice to play Hagrid, the 52-year-old Coltrane slipped into the role easily. After all, he had received practically every acting award for his role in "Cracker": the Bafta Award, the Broadcasting Press Guild Award, the Silver Nymph Award, the Royal Television Society Award, the Fipa Award and the Cabe Ace Award.

Household name

But it is Coltrane's appearance as kind half-giant Rubeus Hagrid, grounds keeper of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, that has made him a household name for a notably younger set of viewers. Though the role of a gentle giant seems to be easy for a veteran of more than 20 films, Coltrane says it's not the case. "I take all my roles seriously," he said.

His children have enjoyed the experience as well. His son, for example, was an extra in the first movie. "My daughter was in a theater watching the first movie and she said 'Look, Daddy's beard is on fire,' and people were looking at her as if to say, look at this sad, delusional child who thinks Hagrid's her father," he laughs, adding that now his daughter seems to want him to spontaneously combust whenever her friends come over.

Family plays an important part in Coltrane's life. Currently in the midst of shooting a three-hour TV movie called "The Plan Man," about a crooked Glasgow lawyer, Coltrane enjoys being able to shoot in Glasgow as he can come home to his family every day. "It's nice to be able to leave and set, go home and say, 'Hello, honey, I'm home.'" Additionally, "The Plan Man" is another showcase not only of Coltrane's acting, but his other skills as well: he directs and produces it.

Welcome return

Returning to the "Harry Potter" series was a welcome experience for him. He liked being able to explore some of Hagrid's past in the sequel. "It's great," he tells the Inquirer, "I got to do my younger voice." Though the part was smaller, he says he "played it a little darker because now we're seeing more into Hagrid's past. He's half-giant, you know."

"It's a bitty part and the only hard thing was that I had to act sometimes with three orange balls on sticks because the kids had gone home." Special effects were, after all, needed to boost the already sizable Coltrane to a believable height as the half-giant Hagrid even as young actors such as Daniel Radcliffe could, by law, only work up to a certain number of hours.

Coltrane did enjoy reuniting with his cast mates, particularly the late Harris. "I liked hanging out with Richard Harris. He's a bit of a boy, you know." Just like him, apparently.

Already signed up for the third "Harry Potter" flick (the character also appears in the fourth novel), Coltrane's rediscovered fame as a result of a decidedly kid-friendly series may appear to be a rather ironic twist in the life of this serious, fiendishly intelligent actor, but he's keeping it all in perspective.

Asked what his motivation was regarding his continued presence in film and television acting, Coltrane fixes a steady look at the inquisitor and answers without missing a beat. "My motivation? I've got two children. That's great motivation."

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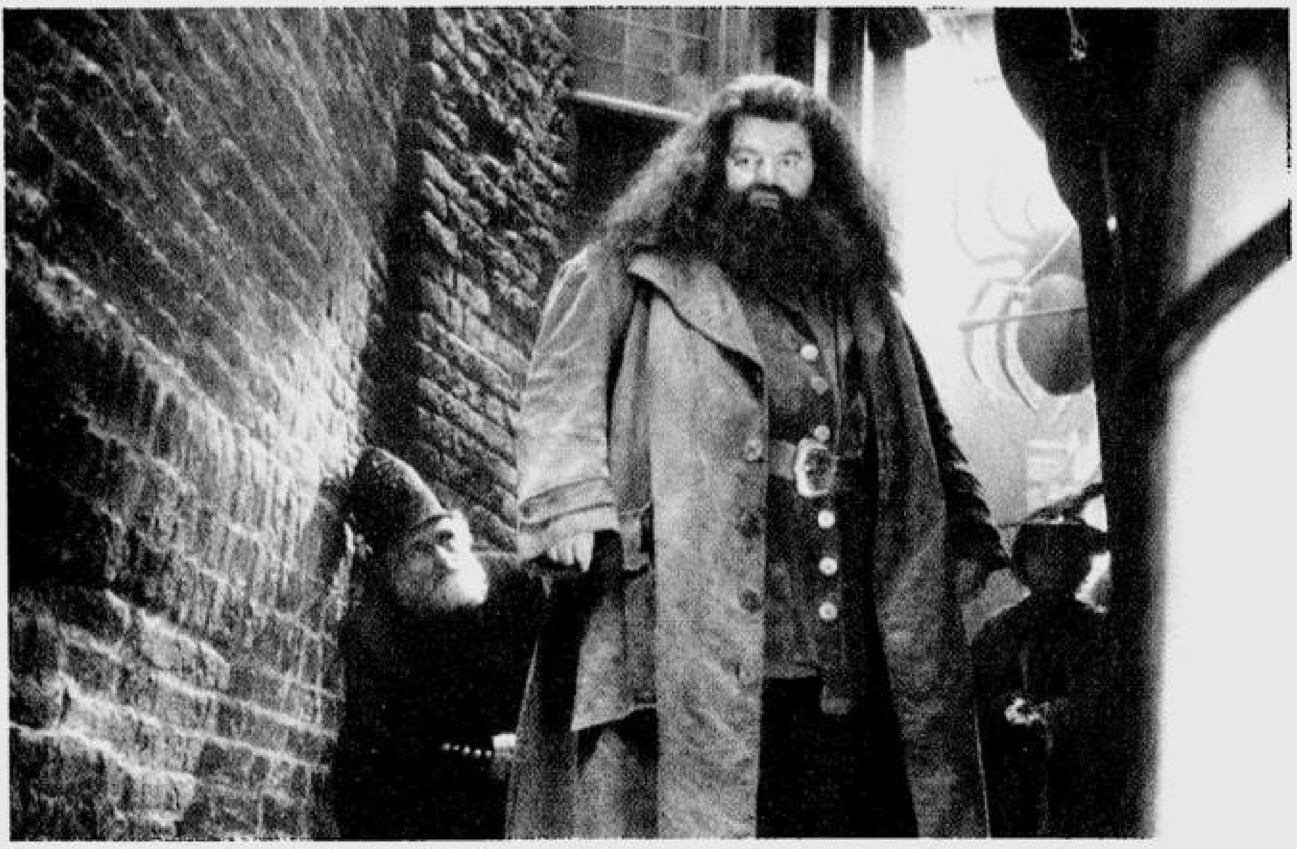

AN IMPOSING Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane) arrives to rescue Harry in the scary Knockturn Alley.

On the magic broomstick of fame . . .

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fair share of attention, but they say they're not into romance yet, or so they say. "I'm kind of flattered by all the like fan letters I get," Radcliffe laughs. "It's like really amazing but I don't have like a girlfriend or anything." Watson coyly pleads ignorance. "As for who I like, no, I don't know. It's much easier arranging other people's love lives than my own."

They're also sure that they remain Dan, Rupert and Emma—even though they do share similar qualities with their characters. Radcliffe says, "Harry and I are very alike and as I keep on reading the books, I keep discovering more stuff about Harry that I have in common with him. I think we're both very curious, sometimes too much so and that kind of maybe gets me into trouble sometimes." Rupert says they're both frightened by spiders and have big families.

Watson thinks "Hermione is very bossy and I hope that doesn't happen too much in real life. I'm not as academic as she is. I spend a lot more time doing sports and art and stuff."

As far as the future is concerned, the three have indeed signed on for "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" though Warner Bros. has yet to commit on a firm release date. As for concerns that they might get typecast or be too old to play young characters, they have different opinions. Radcliffe is a bit careful when he says they "won't have to encounter that decision for quite a while yet so I think I'm just concentrating on the third one for now definitely." The irrepressible Grint isn't shy about his enjoyment of the experience. "I would like to do them, more of them because I really have a really good time doing them because they're just so fun," he grins. "Maybe five more?"

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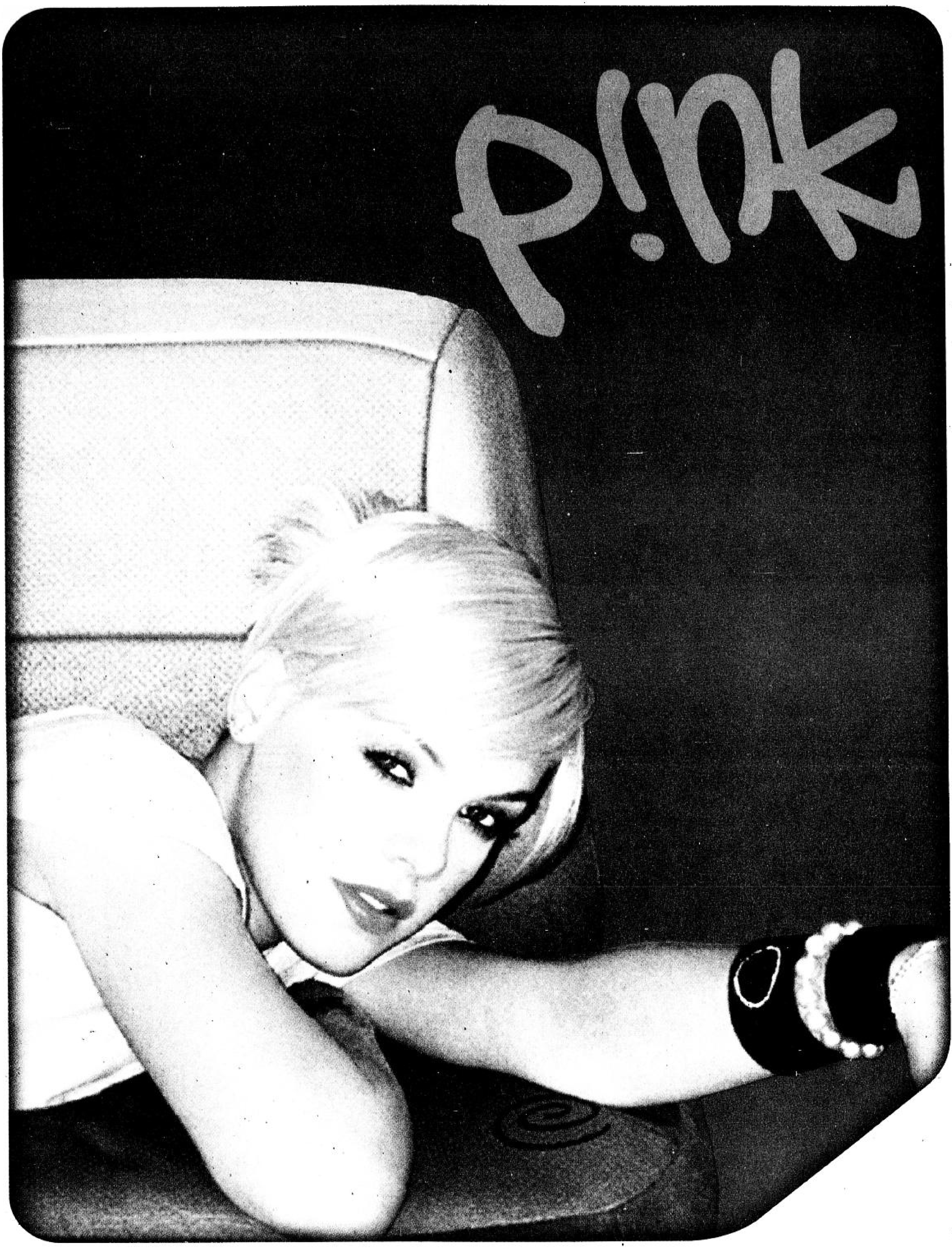

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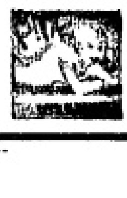

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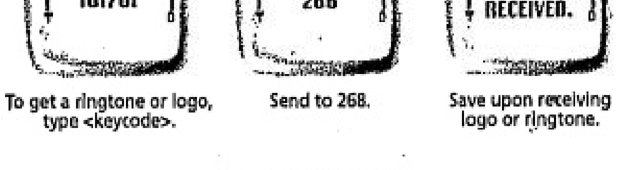

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Showcase of gift-laden trees

The 8th Festival of Trees continues to sustain programs in Maqueda Bay, Samar, and Olango Island, Cebu

By Allison W. Lopez

INSTEAD of giving beautifully wrapped packages to your loved ones, why not a Christmas tree decorated with all kinds of cell phones for a change? Or perhaps, one loaded with plane tickets and hotel accommodations?

For this year's 8th Festival of Trees, the Makati Garden Club (MGC) and the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) will present eight themed Christmas trees for an auction on Nov. 14 at the Manila Polo Club.

This annual fund-raising event, which began in 1995, will help sustain poverty alleviation programs in Maqueda Bay, Samar, and Olango Island, Cebu.

A new and interesting concept, the eight gift-laden trees will be included in the silent auction.

Cell phone addicts will go crazy over the Ring Me Tree, which is decorated with cell phones from Smart. For health buffs, the Farm at San Benito Tree showcases packages of health and wellness services from prestigious spas and health centers. On the other hand, hotel accommodations, plane tickets and vacation packages adorn the Travel and Leisure Tree.

For children, the Kid's Wish Tree is perfect. Toys, dolls, teddy bears, clothes and educational items embellish this special tree. Golf aficionados will surely appreciate the Fore! Tree, decorated with golf balls, clubs, shoes, bags and certificates for free green fees at the Orchard and Manila Golf Clubs. Fashionistas and homemakers alike will be tempted to grab the items at the Rustan's Tree, which is filled

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"THE NESTING Tree" by Luisa Perez-Rubio

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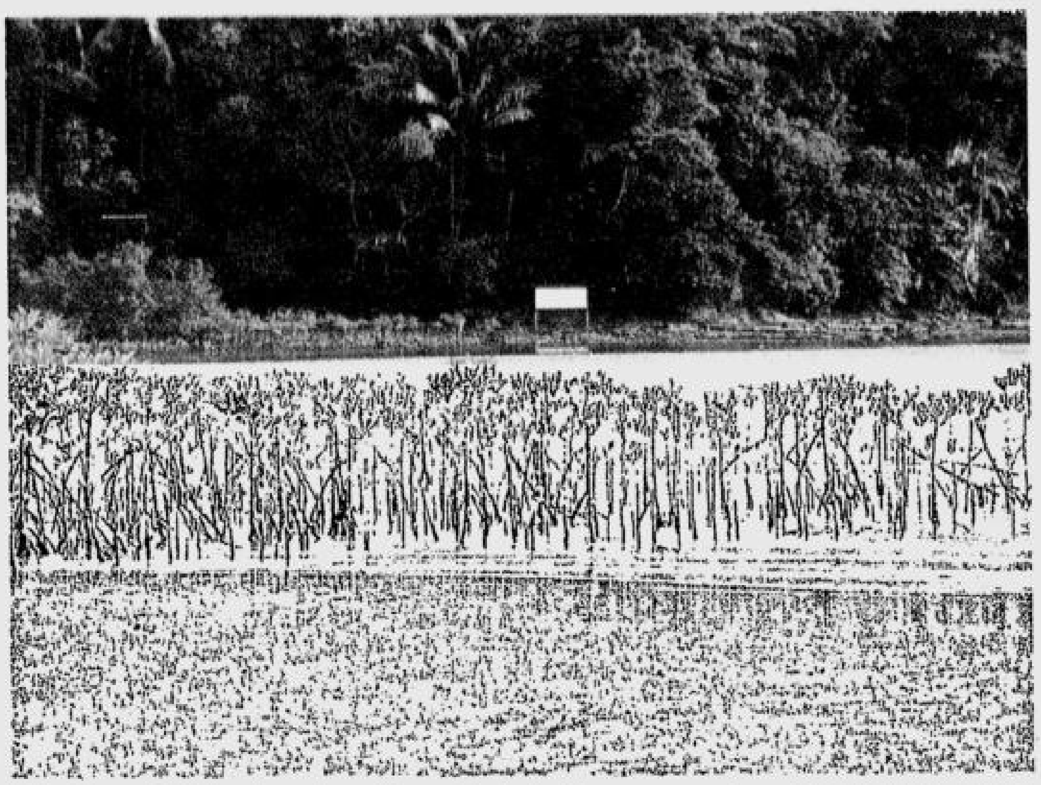

AS of August, 91 hectares have been planted with mangroves in seven barangays along Maqueda Bay, Western Samar.

PBSP president and MGC chair Luisa Perez-Rubio (second from right) with (from left) artist Edgardo Doctor and MGC ladies Linda Miranda, Ching Caluag and Jovie Bunao

Showcase of gift-laden trees

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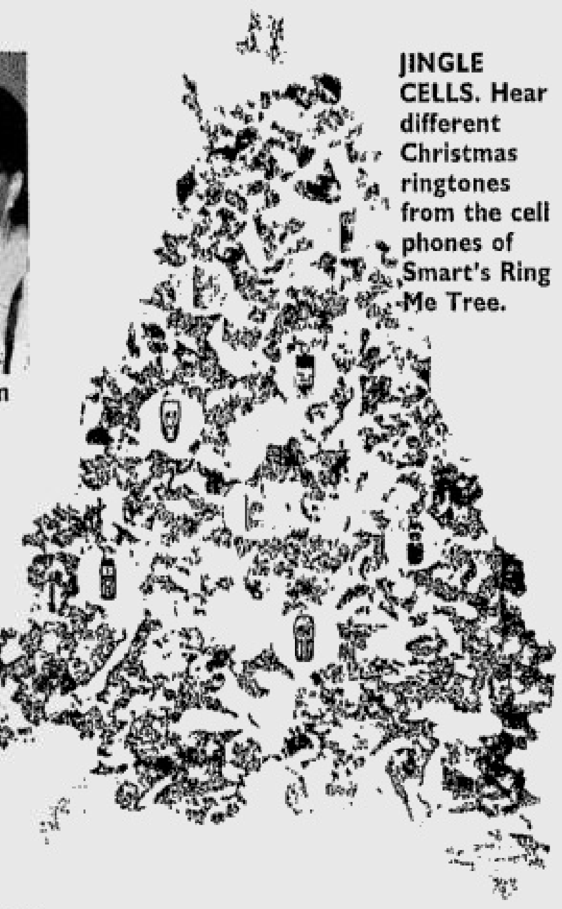


JINGLE CELLS. Hear different Christmas ringtones from the cell phones of Smart's Ring Me Tree.

with prestigious fashion brands, home décor, groceries and other goodies.

Citibank features the Money Tree while the Tree à la Carte's dining packages from restaurants and hotels are truly satisfying.

Aside from the eight themed trees, Christmas trees decorated with Dalmatians, Christmas décor and art pieces from artists such as Anita Magsaysay-Ho, Sylvia Amorsolo, Claude Tayag, designers Rudy Fuentes and Ben Farrales, plant art expert Serapion Metilla and others, will be auctioned.

Last year, benefactor Magsaysay-Ho's "El Jardin de San Francisco" fetched P3.5 million. The MGC is hoping that this year's highlight, another Magsaysay-Ho painting, and other items up for sale, will reap an astounding amount.

"From an initial P2.2 million generated in year one, the festival raised P6.7 million last year, thanks to the various corporations, philanthropic individuals, guest artists, and my colleagues at the MGC," said Luisa Perez-Rubio, MGC chair.

Beneficiaries

The event's proceeds will be used in rehabilitating Maqueda Bay and Olango Island.

Maqueda Bay supports the livelihood of some 250,000 Samareños. However, overfishing, dynamite fishing and forest denudation have left the bay in a decrepit state.

On the other hand, Olango Island, situated off Mactan Island in Cebu, is home to the 92-hectare Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary. The sanctuary serves as a haven for thousands of migratory birds that seek refuge in the island's mangrove and coastal areas to escape the winter climate of other Asian countries.

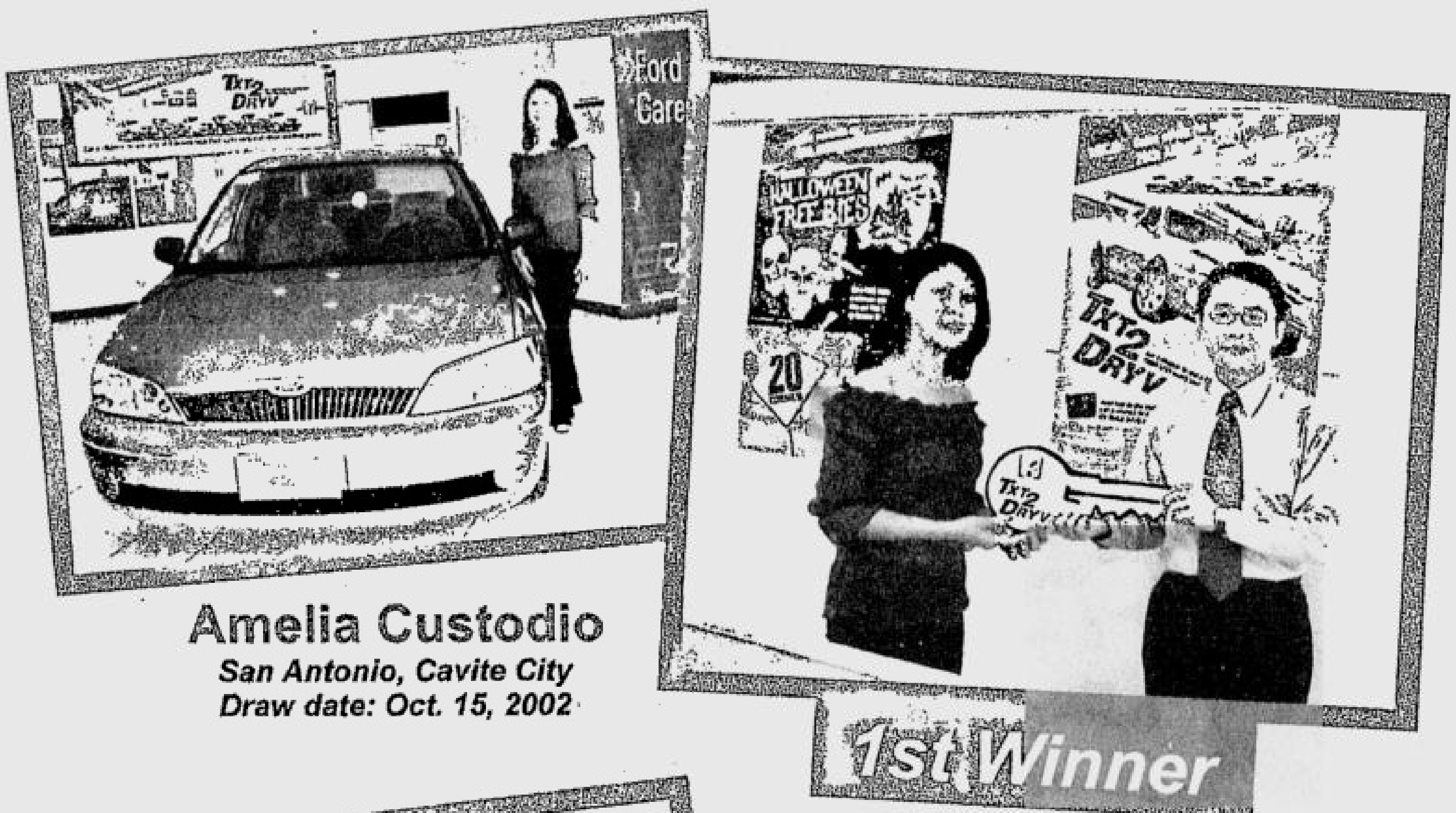
"It is easier to cut a tree or deplete the sea of its resources. But it takes a longer period and a more difficult route to rebuild what has been damaged. Through the Festival of Trees, we hope that our efforts in Maqueda Bay [and Olango Island] will continue to prosper," Perez-Rubio said.

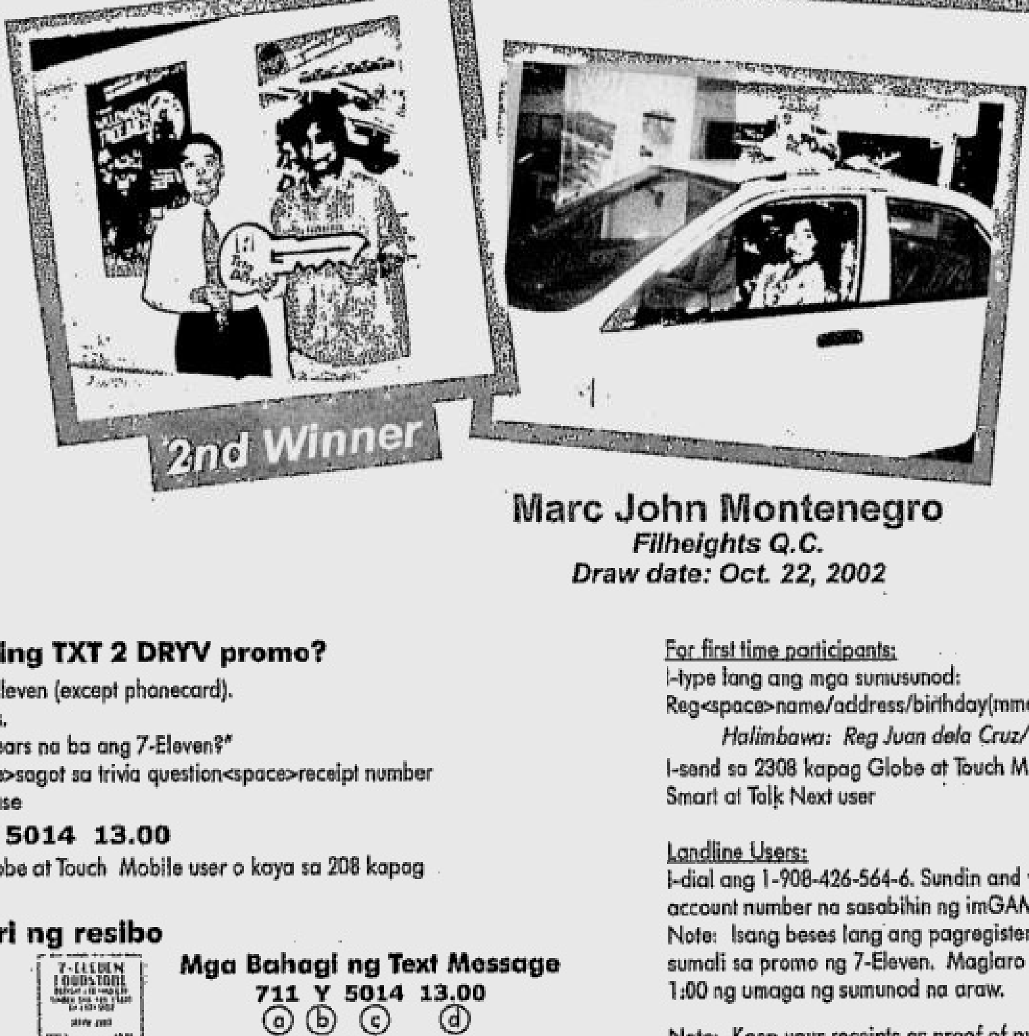
And with the support of President Macapagal-Arroyo, who will grace the event, there's a bigger chance that the people of Maqueda and Olango won't have to wait that long.

For details on program sponsorships, call the Festival Secretariat at 527-7741 to -51.

"BIG Dalmatians" by Luisa Perez-Rubio

A RARE Japanese night heron has made Olango Island, a sanctuary for migratory birds, its permanent home.





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Collect and Cherish reinvents the Christmas tree with a little fantasy

BUSINESS partners Tony Aquino (left) and Benny Liwanag

Spicing up the traditional Christmas tree

SAY goodbye to plain green, red, white and blue. Designers are infusing the colors of fashion to the traditional Christmas tree to come up with surprising but creative results.

Benny Liwanag and Tony Aquino of Collect and Cherish said that color coordination, plus the use of matching vines, berries, butterflies, dragonflies and other symbols of nature, could do wonders to the Christmas tree.

Noted for their one-of-a-kind accessories and accents such as angles, chimes, lampshades, and tabletop accessories, the duo went to Neiman Marcus in New York and brought home their own interpretations of "the theme Christmas trees of 2002."

Among the items on display at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall outlet of Collect and Cherish are pink and fuchsia Christmas trees accentuated with fuchsia butterflies. Generous amounts of silver glitters are found on the wings of the butterflies. The traditional tinsel rain is replaced by silver vines and berries. Even the poinsettias come in pink, fuchsia and silver.

Lilac and purple dominate another tree. It is bedecked with accents like berries, poinsettias, grapes and other vines. Silver glitters again add life to the ensemble. Another attention-grabber is the copper and gold tree with touches of green and matching butterflies. Still another tree comes in burgundy and gold, with matching grasshoppers and hanging berries in gold with touches of red.

"Those partial to blue may opt for a blue and silver Christmas tree," says Tony, who is vice president for finance and product designer. "For this tree, I chose blue butterflies, silver roses and blue Christmas balls as accents."

Tony notes that doing a designer Christmas tree is like dressing up a model. "You use fashion colors and accents for the tree to get a second look."

Aside from doing the trees and choosing the shop's product mix, Tony also accepts holiday interior design and decoration jobs for homes and offices. Most of his clients, he stresses, leave the mixing and matching to him. He even recommends the kind of music that would go with the interior decor.

One of store items that were sold out was the Christmas CD of Tim O'Neill, which Tony matches with his interior setup. "But this year's main attractions are still our designer Christmas trees," he says.

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WAR-TIME GRADUATES. Assumption Convent's High School Class of '42 are gifted with a surprise impromptu graduation ceremony during this year's Old Girl's Day *velada* program. They never had the chance to receive their diplomas and have a formal graduation when the war broke out.

TRADITION LIVES ON. Year 2002 Golden Jubilarian Mothers of Assumption Convent's High School Class of '52 and their Silver Jubilarian Daughters of High School Class of '77: Lulu Paterno Resurreccion and Babette, and Sonia Lopez Tioseco and Pamsy.

ASSUMPTION Convent Old Girl President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (center) and this year's most outstanding Silver Jubilarian 2002 Sen. Loren Legarda Leviste pose for souvenir shot in the San Lorenzo Village, Makati campus chapel altar, after the traditional Old Girl's Day commemorative Mass with the rest of this year's high school batch '77 silver jubilarians.

Assumption alumnae renew ties at Old Girl's Day festivities

ONE-HUNDRED and 10 girls from the six sections of Assumption Convent's High School batch '77 gathered at the Mother Rose Hall of the San Lorenzo Village, Makati campus, for the annual *velada* program recently.

It was the culmination of several months of song and dance rehearsals under the tutelage of batchmate and Peta director Maribel Legarda, interspersed with renewed bonding and eating at the fifth floor of the Mother Esperanza Building until midnight.

That good old "All Hail to Our Beloved Assumption!" spirit prompted the arrival of alumnae from all over the world to join this year's Silver Jubilarian Old Girl's Day festivities.

Mary Ann La'O, Chi Montano Modugno and Tinggay Avena Castillo arrived together from New York; Lilibeth Lukban Jacob, Paz Marie Bermejo Dizon and Kata Tambunting Talmadge planed in from San Francisco; Lisan Valdes Toda came from Miami, Florida; Dr. Bernadette Resurreccion from Bangkok, Thailand; Maribi Pedrosa Hay and Heidi Sebastian Ibasco from Hong Kong; Belen Sta. Clara Borgen from Seattle; Vicky Tanada Gabaldon from Vancouver, Canada; Gina Soriano La'O and Kick Molina Alvendia from California; and Anna Tiongson Rostan from Brisbane, Australia, among many others.

The *velada* started with a tribute to Mo. Angela Ansaldo, R.A. (who composed the Assumption school song), and her classmates in High School Class of '32.

Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste was given a special award, the Most Outstanding Silver Jubilarian for 2002, by her batchmates, in recognition of her being an outstanding journalist, environmentalist and senator.

Year 2002's golden jubilarians are Carmen Virtucio Perfecto, Lydia de Leon Sison, Ope Ledesma Lopez, Aurora Enrile Santos, Marita Monsod Alegre, Naty Malvar Mendoza, Emma Colayco, Lulu Paterno Resurreccion, Carlita Chavez, Marilen Mantecon de Jesus, Sonia Lopez Tioseco, Alice Roxas Briones, Nenuca Araneta Blardony, Josefina Sauco Fajardo, Aurora Ocampo, Marina Lacsamana Colina, Celina Limgengco Magat, Citas Poblete Concepcion, Lita Santiago Cordero, Josefina Feliciano, Maggie Lizares Jimenez, Elena Lacson San Agustin, Josefina Ayuyao Koh, Etching Mascardo Estrada and Aurora Roldan Hortaleza.

The next day, Assumption Old Girl President Macapagal Arroyo joined all the jubilarians in the San Lorenzo Village campus chapel for the 11 a.m. Mass.

The Assumption Alumnae president, Judy Araneta Roxas, pledged the alumnae's support to President Macapagal-Arroyo's government efforts, while her classmates awarded her as Most Outstanding Classmate of their batch.

In the Senate the following Monday, Sen. Legarda-Leviste hosted a luncheon in her office for her *balikbayan* classmates and toured them around the Senate's Session Hall.

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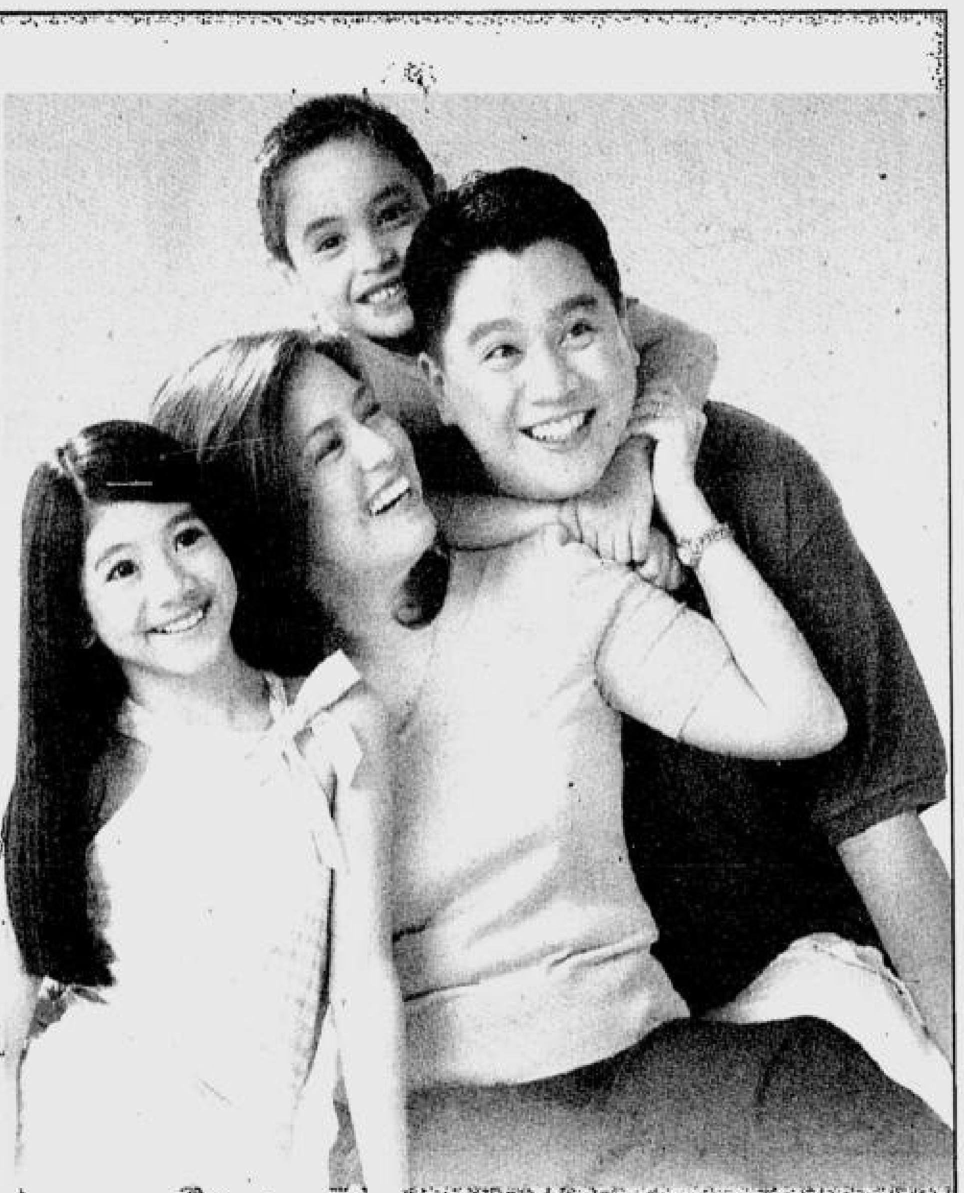

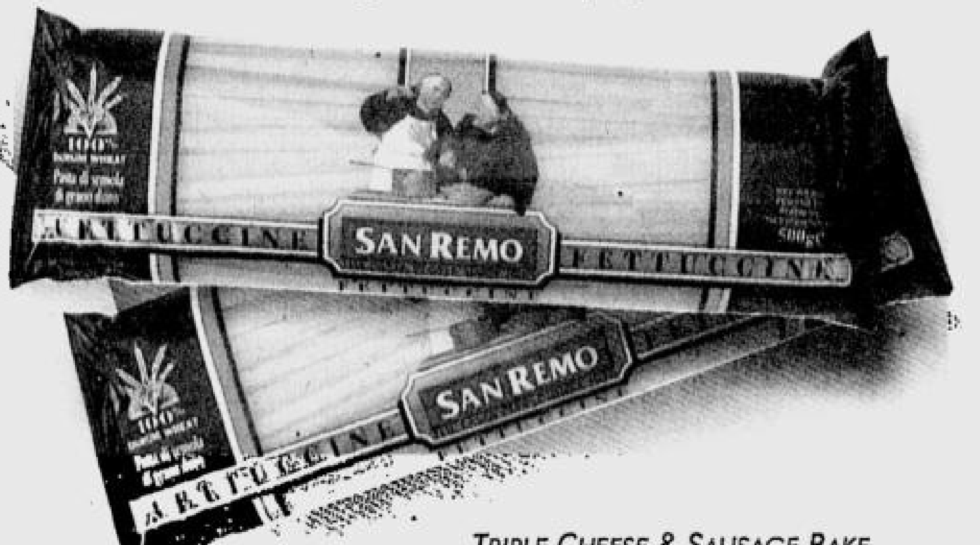

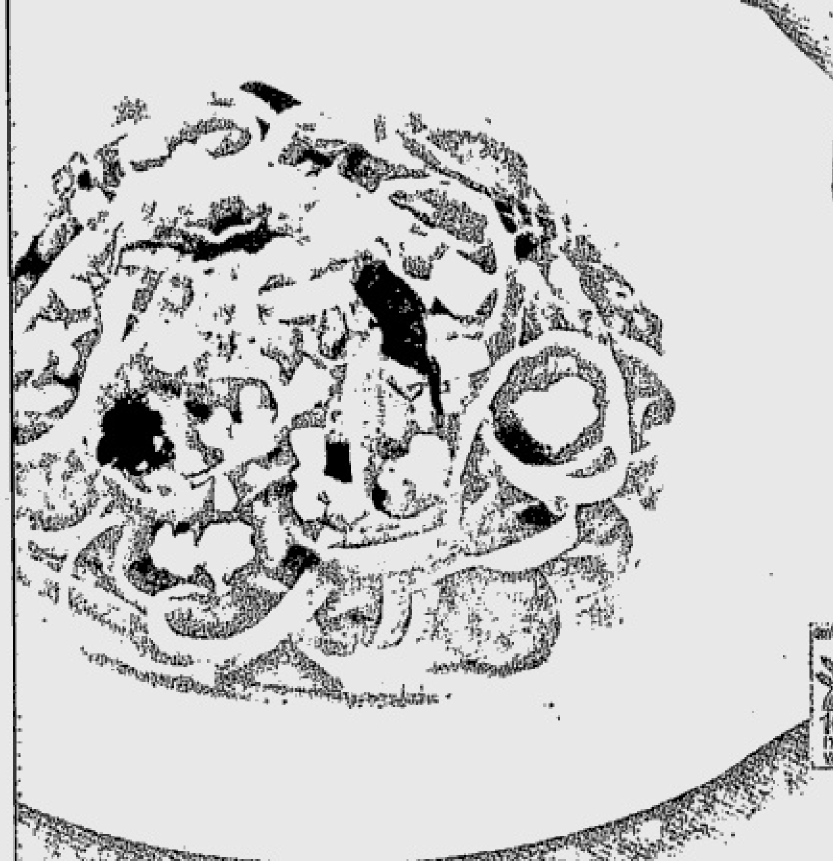

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1 cup quickmelt cheese, grated
1 tsp salt • 1 tsp pepper
1 tsp dried oregano

METHOD
1. Cook spinach and garlic in oil.
2. Add tomato paste, tomato sauce and sausages.
3. Cook and simmer for about 5 minutes until sausages are cooked.
4. Season with salt, pepper and oregano.
5. Combine cooked penne and sauce in baking dish.
6. Spread cottage dish on top, then add cream cheese cubes,
7. Sprinkle with quickmelt cheese on top.
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Images of St. Padre Pio and St. Josemaria Escriva to join Marian procession

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HERE'S good news for devotees of St. Padre Pio and St. Josemaria Escriva. The images of the new saints will join the grand Marian procession organized by the Cofradia de la Inmaculada Concepcion on Dec. 1. The images will be mounted on the *carroza* of Gaudencio "Boy" Ponce, together with the image of Nuestra Señora de Verdad de la Gracia, a replica of the image Padre Pio prayed to at the choir loft of Our Lady of Grace Church in San Giovanni Rotondo.

The procession will start at 4:30 p.m. from the Manila Cathedral after the High Mass at 2:30 p.m. This year's *hermanos mayores* are Marietta Santos, Vicky Tengco and her brother Allan Tengco. Marietta will bring out the image of Medalla Milagrosa, while the Tengco family will have three *carrozas* bearing the images of Virgen de la Victoria, St. Joseph and Virgen de la Paz y Buen Viaje. At least 80 images are expected to join this year's celebration honoring the Immaculate Conception.

Members of this year's *comite de festejos* are Ado Escudero, Allan Tengco, Danny Dolor, Clifford Chua, Tony Adriano, Jun Pablo and Deiy Arionday.

Cofradia president Rory Eizmendi told this writer that the novena Masses will be held on Nov. 26, 27 and 28, 6 p.m., at the Pamantasan ng Maynila Chapel. First Communion will be given to public school children on Nov. 29 at the Manila Cathedral. This is an outreach project of the Cofradia, which sends catechists to some public schools. At least 500 kids are given their First Communion every year.

Manila Cathedral turns 44

The Manila Cathedral, which is also the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, marks its 44th year on Dec. 9 with a concelebrated Mass at 12:10 p.m. to be officiated by Jaime Cardinal Sin. Rector Msgr. Nestor Cerbo is already preparing events that will culminate in a grand celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Manila Cathedral in 2008.

One of these is the gathering of materials to be compiled in a souvenir program, which will introduce the different rectors since 1958. They are Msgr. Artemio Casas (1958-1962), Msgr. Jose Abriol (1962-1975), Msgr. Augusto Pedrosa (1975-1985), Msgr. Domingo Ciriles Jr. (1985-1996), Msgr. Hernando Coronel (1996-2002) and Msgr. Nestor Cerbo (2002-present).

Along the bank of the Pasig River rose the first *nipa* church built in 1571 by Fray Juan de Vivero. It became a cathedral by virtue of the decree by Pope Gregory XIII elevating the parish of Manila to a new diocese on Feb. 6, 1587. The first bishop was Fray Domingo de Salazar, O.P., who established the first Episcopal See of the Philippine Islands suffragan of the Metropolitan church of Mexico, which was dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. A typhoon destroyed the frail church; a new one was built of wood but razed by fire in 1583. The first stone church was constructed and completed in 1593, but an earthquake toppled it down in 1600. Four reconstructions took place, which were damaged by strong earthquakes particularly the one that stood for 200 years (1671-1863) built by Archbishop Miguel de Poblete. Another edifice rose in 1879 but an earthquake toppled its tower in 1880. The old cathedral was finally destroyed during the Liberation of Manila in February 1945.

After nine years, Archbishop Rufino J. Santos built a new cathedral. It took four years to finish, but it was originally blessed on Dec. 8, 1958.

Novena Masses will begin at the cathedral on Dec. 1, 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., and the 6 p.m. Mass will be said by Bishop Teodoro Bacani. The Dec. 2-7 schedules are 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses on Dec. 8 will be at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.; while Dec. 9 has Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Those who wish to advertise in the souvenir program can call 527-1796.

Our Lady of Remedies fiesta

Malate Church, which is dedicated to Our Lady of Remedies, began its Novena Masses on Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m. Fr. Marion Runda said the Mass at 6 p.m. while Msgr. Ding Coronel, secretary general of the CBCP, presided yesterday. Today, Fr. Genoroso Geronimo will be the celebrant. Other schedules and their celebrants include: Nov. 11, Fr. Alejandro Gobrin; Nov. 12, Fr. Willie Araña; Nov. 13, Fr. Constantino Conti; Nov. 14, Fr. Lorenz Festin; Nov. 15, Msgr. Nestor Cerbo; Nov. 16, Fr. Colm McKeating. Msgr. Augusto Laban will give confirmation on Nov. 16, 9 a.m. Fiesta Mass is at 9 a.m. with Bishop Teodoro Buhain as main celebrant.

The devotion to Our Lady of Remedies dates back to 1625 when Fray Juan Guevara brought the image from Spain. The image at the altar today is a new one as the original image was damaged during the war.

The Columbans administer the Malate Church. Fr. Michael Martin is the parish priest, while Dr. Henry Arroyo is the Parish Pastoral Council president. Bong de Joya leads the Mother Butler's Guild, which takes care of the altar vestments.

Cofradia de la Soledad

The Cofradia de la Soledad de Porta Vaga set up a chapter in Sto. Niño de Molino Church in Molino, Bacoor. The officers are Arthur Medina, chair; Teresita Sibayan, vice chair; Kristine Villamiel, secretary; Tess Bonete, treasurer; Regina Garnica, auditor; and Christopher Lagong, recorder.

Fr. Ollie Genuino, parish priest, is the chaplain.

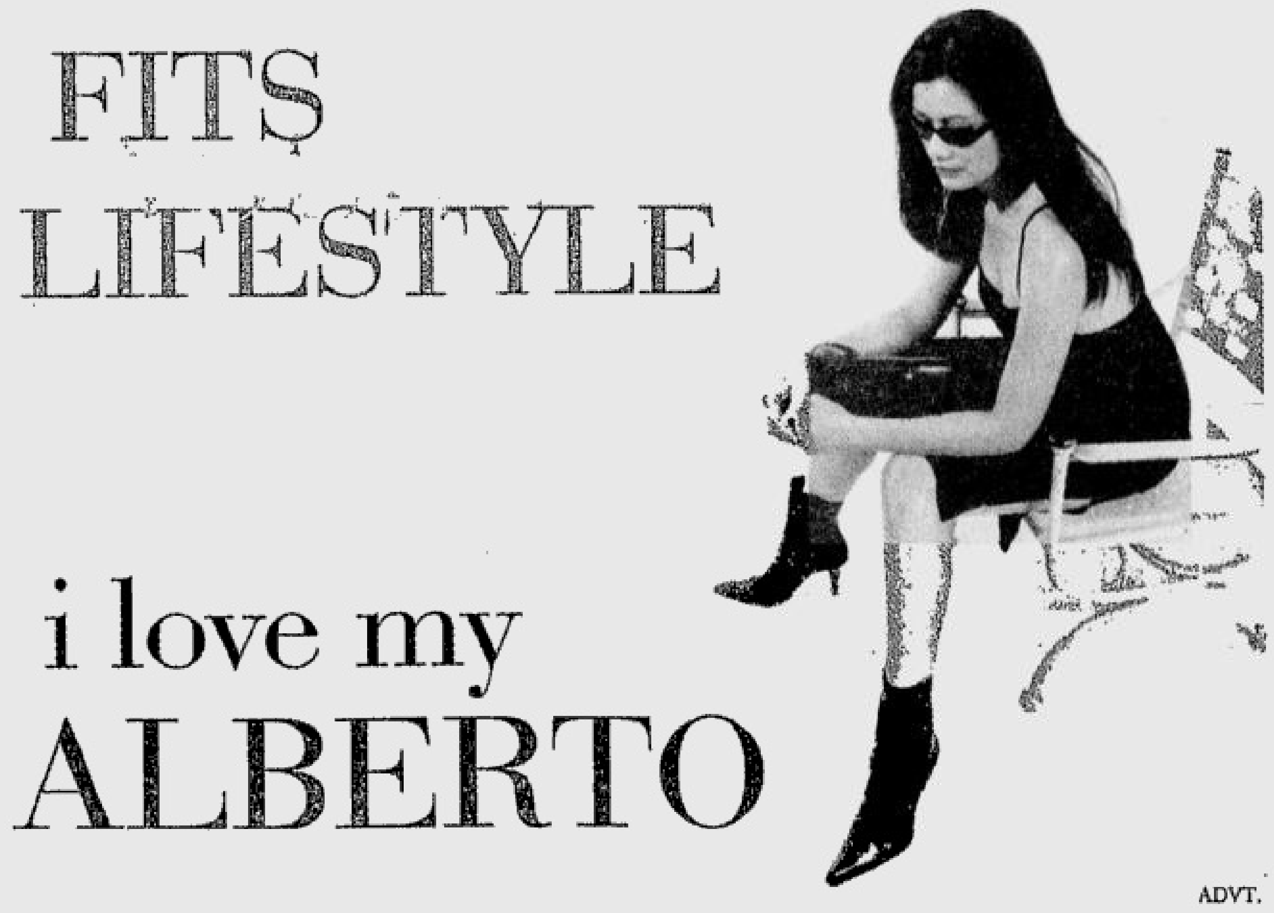
Nuestra Señora de Soledad is the patroness of Cavite City. President of the Cofradia is former Vice Mayor Tony Nazareno.

Our Lady of Nations Confraternity

On Oct. 24, the Confraternity of Our Lady of All Nations was launched at the Center for Peace. Chona and Tony Montinola, who propagate the devotion, and Carmen Borres of Bahay Maria organized the event. The confraternity was first launched in Cebu with the approval of Cardinal Vidal.

Bishop Punt of Harlem, Amsterdam, approved on May 31 the authenticity of the apparitions of Our Lady to visionary Ida Peerdeman. Our Lady's message is urgent in these troubled times, particularly her prayer for the Lord to send the Holy Spirit to all nations to preserve them from disaster, degeneration and war.

The next meeting is on Nov. 27, 3 p.m. at the Center of Peace at Lopez Rizal St., Mandaluyong. Devotees are welcome. For details, call 531-1314.



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9. Promo is from **October 1 to December 30, 2002.** Deadline of submission of entries is on **December 20, 2002.**
10. Pre-screening of entries will be as follows: For entries received from **October 1 – November 14**, pre-screening will be on **November 15, 2002.** Entries received from **November 15 – December 20**, pre-screening will be on **December 21, 2002.**
11. All entries that qualify during the pre-screening will go on to compete in the final judging on **December 22, 2002.**
12. Winners will be announced via press releases in major publications by **January 14, 2003.**
13. Winners will be notified by telephone and/or registered mail.

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How to adopt a school

By Alfredo P. Hernandez

LETTER sender Pat Mojica wants to know how to set up an adoption program for an elementary school in Mendez, Cavite. Here's how:

1. Form the Adoption Group.

As in any revolution, organization is one key to success.

In the case of the Education Revolution, an Adoption Group for the school is needed to get things going.

You can bring together people in your community who are willing to commit time and effort to the Education Revolution, which aims to raise the Philippine public school's level of academic excellence.

Organize this group into a non-stock, non-profit corporation, electing a president and other officers. Register the corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Ask the Express Lane at the SEC Main Office or any SEC Extension office in your area for assistance on how to do this.

> As in any revolution, organization is one key to success

If you are already have an existing private non-stock, non-profit organization like the Parent-Teacher Community Association (PTCA) that is already registered with the SEC, this can be the Adoption Group.

2. Formally adopt a school.

Convene the Adoption Group and pass a resolution to adopt the school of your choice. Then, prepare an Adoption Memorandum of Agreement with your president and the school principal or teacher-in-charge as signatories. (Get in touch with the FWWPP if you need a sample board resolution and a pro-forma Adoption Memorandum of Agreement.)

Have the board resolution and Adoption Memorandum of Agreement notarized.

3. Make an Action Plan.

The Action Plan restates your Adoption Group's goal to make the adopted school a place where Filipino children's right to free quality education is guaranteed. It lists the projects you want to undertake to attain this goal.

You will probably need several meetings among yourselves and with the school officials before you can finalize your Action Plan. (You can get a sample Action Plan from the FWWPP.)

4. Mobilize resources.

Solicit assistance from businesses in your area, in cash or in kind. Subject to existing tax rules, the assistance or donation can be tax deductible.

Send a copy of your board resolution, the Adoption Memorandum of Agreement and the Action Plan to the FWWPP. We will endorse them to the Department of Education so they can monitor your progress.

We will also try to match your projects with the Corporate Citizenship or Social Conscience programs of Adoption Partners in the Education Revolution network.

5. Sustain the initiative and keep the fires burning.

Constantly review your Action Plan and provide for continuous implementation, school year after school year.

Adopting a school is a great responsibility, but the rewards are equally great because your efforts will directly affect our country's future.

More volunteers

Welcome to the Education Revolution, Valerie Obieta, Maritess Abuan from Caloocan, Pandy Singien from Pampanga, Remy Carpio from Pilar Village, Randy Farin from San Diego, California, Bernadette Galang from Better Living Subdivision and Eulalia Rosales from St. Scholastica's College.

Thank you for volunteering. We'll be getting in touch with all of you very soon.

'Empowering Schools to Excel'

The Esteban Abada Elementary School in Quezon City has been transformed from an under-performing public school to a Model of Excellence school in just two years, through the education-focused community support program of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (HSBC).

"We have seen [the school go] through a physical transformation, which included a new library, computer lab, a toy library and pre-school, as well as a transformation in the attitude and motivation of teachers and parents through training and PTCA involvement," says Lalaine Santana, HSBC AVP for public affairs.

Adoption groups can look to the "new and improved" Esteban Abada Elementary School for encouragement.

Santana says that HSBC's P20-million program, "Empowering Schools to Excel," would be adopting four more public elementary schools in Metro Manila in the next three years. Among other things, the program aims to enhance the schools' competencies in English, Science and Math.

"We will fund an interactive children's library for Year 1, a computer lab for Year 2, and a science and math center for Year 3, [in] all four schools. We will team up with teachers from the University of the Philippines and the Ateneo de Manila University, as well as other interested academics, to develop programs in reading, math and science to maximize the use of the facilities," says Santana.

HSBC has directly helped several Philippine public schools through the years, usually involving the community through the PTCA.

DBP's Education Sector Credit Program

Jack Gelvezon of the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) informs adoption groups and private organizations that they can avail of the bank's Education Sector Credit Program to fund their education assistance projects.

Gelvezon says that staff development, school facilities construction and upgrading, and school equipment procurement, were just some of the areas eligible under the program.

Get in touch with the DBP for more information.

More organizations join the revolution

Lina Melecio Tan, executive director of Liwawa ed Asinan Foundation in Dagupan City, says her organization is a welfare agency with an education support program for girls funded by local benefactors in Pangasinan.

Dennis Gupa, national coordinator for SIKAP Inc., says that his organization has been helping student leaders in Quezon City public high schools for the past 10 years through leadership training and value formation studies.

Supermarket to have feeding program

Bunny Barrera of South Supermarket says they are joining the Education Revolution through a planned feeding program for school children in selected public schools near their nine branches.

The FWWPP is assisting Barrera in finalizing the mechanics and details of the feeding program, which the supermarket hopes to launch by December.

This is an example of how a business firm can become an Adoption Partner for many schools.

NSTIC offers designs for science equipment

According to executive director Armisticia Acosta Vaño, the National Science Teaching Instrumentation Center (NSTIC) designs low-cost science equipment for schools. These are bid out to private manufacturers for mass production and distribution to schools through the DepEd division offices. Due to budget constraints, however, not enough science equipment sets have been produced, so many schools still do not have them.

Vaño says the science equipment would be a good choice for an adoption group's classroom-support project. The NSTIC would provide the design that an adoption group can mass-produce for its adopted school.

Science Equipment Set Batch A is for basic science classes, while Science Equipment Set Batch B is for teaching physics and mechanics concepts.

Each complete set costs P18,000 and can be used simultaneously by as many as five students in a group.

The author is the executive director of the Foundation for Worldwide People Power.

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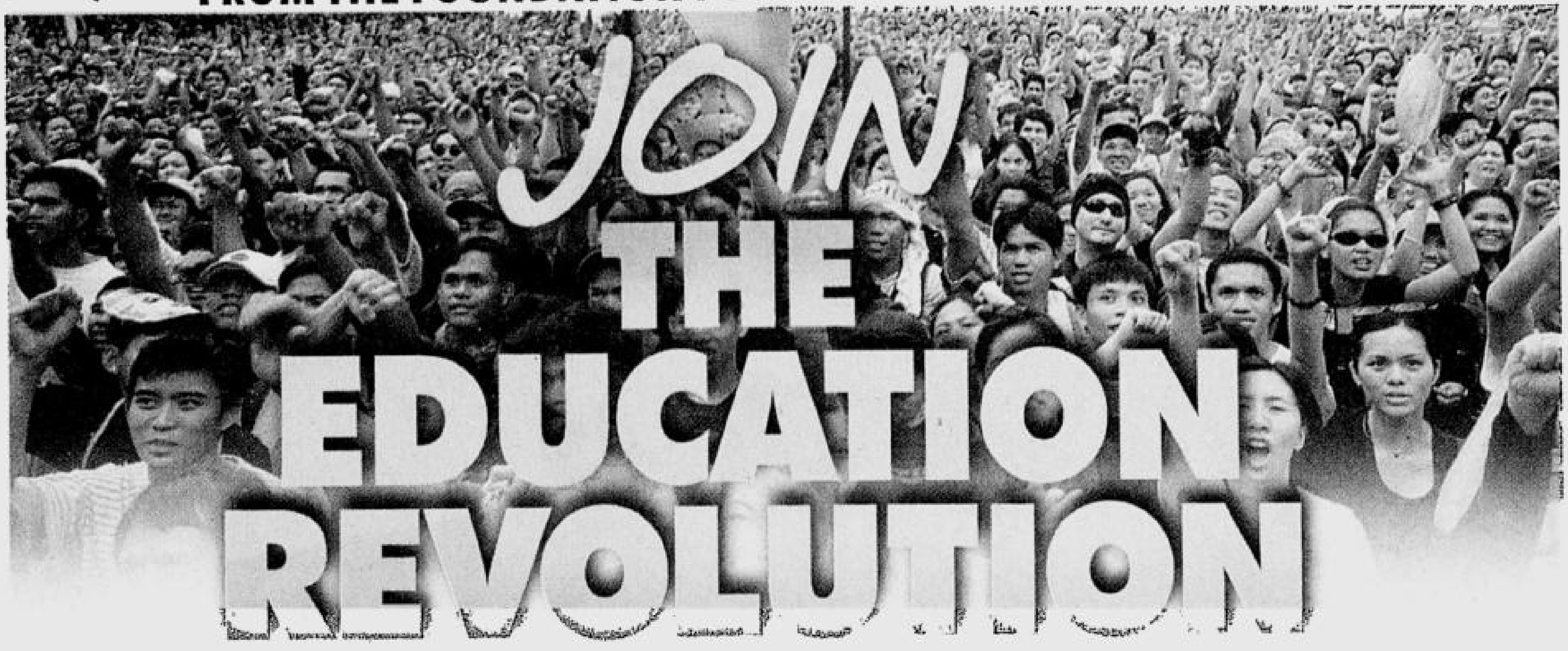
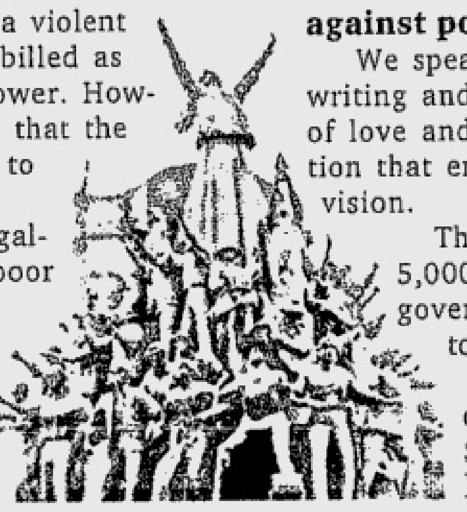


In January 2001 EDSA II resulted in the impeachment and removal of Joseph Estrada as President. Three months later, on May 1, there followed a violent demonstration by his followers. Although billed as EDSA III, it was a corruption of People Power. However, this rebellion sent a strong message: that the plight of the poor of the Philippines needs to be addressed.

One and a half years into the Macapagal-Arroyo government, the problems of the poor remain despite the administration's well-meaning efforts. The FWWPP now feels that the nation urgently needs a new call for People Power. This time, the call is away from politics ... and in the direction of **education**.



The FWWPP is convinced (as our National Hero Jose Rizal himself said) that **education is the best weapon against poverty.**

We speak of education beyond the basic skills of reading, writing and 'rithmetic; education that emphasizes the value of love and concern for family, community, country; education that empowers and breeds citizens of purpose and vision.

There are 35,000 public elementary schools and 5,000 public high schools throughout the country. The government allocates money for them, but not enough to make them as effective as they should be.

This is where Civil Society can – and should – come in. The public school system needs Civil Society to see the sad state it is in, and to act. **Immediately.**

HOW TO ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

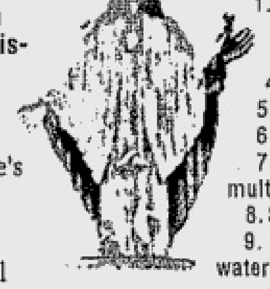
Let us start by addressing the basic needs of the elementary public school system. There must be an elementary public school in our immediate neighborhood.

Let us visit the school, meet with the principal and the teachers, find out their needs, talk with parent-teacher community association and community leaders, and plan ways of helping the school.

Let us form an Adoption Group committed to care and nurture the Adopted School to a level of excellence we can all be proud of.

IMPORTANT! An Adoption Group must be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a non-stock non-profit corporation so it can formally adopt the school by means of a Board Resolution and an Adoption Memorandum of Agreement.

If your group has no SEC Registration, get in touch with the Securities and Exchange Commission at EDSA Mandaluyong City or at any SEC Extension Office near your area.



The newly formed Adoption Group now needs to make a sustainable Action Plan. Here's a step-by-step guide:

Step 1 – Assess the situation

First, ask your school principal for a School Profile. This tells you what the present enrolment is, the condition of the school's physical facilities and the present capabilities of the faculty.

Step 2 – See if the school meets established academic standards

Together with the school principal and the concerned academic personnel, Look into the attendance, grades and diagnostic test scores of the students. Find out if there are enough textbooks and teaching aids. Find out what your group can do to help the children learn their lessons better.

Step 3 - Draft and implement an Action Plan

An Action Plan simply lists the projects you want to undertake for the school in order of importance. Make a timetable for each of the projects. Think of ways to raise funds for these projects.

Please send a copy of your Action Plan together with the Memorandum of Agreement to the FWWPP.

We will endorse your Action Plan to the Department of Education so they can monitor your progress. We will also try to match your projects to a network of Adoption Partners who have joined the Education Revolution so they can give assistance to Adoption Groups like yours.

With your caring attention, you can help make your Adopted School a place where children can learn for Life.

BE AN ADOPTION PARTNER

Join the Education Revolution as an Adoption Partner, and nurture our children into a generation of well-motivated and competitively skilled Filipinos.

The Education Revolution is the best Corporate Citizenship or Social Conscience program that a private business can implement because it is nothing less than an investment in our country's future.

Any private business can become an Adoption Partner. All it takes is your corporate commitment to extend sustained assistance to public schools.

The FWWPP can help you develop your Adoption Partner Program. We'll help you in your choice of beneficiary schools and in setting up adequate monitoring mechanisms. We can provide you with a Memorandum of Agreement draft, so you can define the scope and extent of your assistance to the beneficiary school.

Your assistance should respond to at least one of the following needs:

1. Teaching Training
2. School Feeding
3. Proper hygiene and sanitation practices
4. Textbooks and supplemental reading materials
5. Tables, chairs and desks
6. School Library (books, periodicals and physical facilities)
7. Teaching aids and technologies (e.g. AV equipment and multimedia systems)
8. School structures (e.g. classrooms and school buildings)
9. Health and Sanitation facilities (e.g. supply of potable water, toilets)

Call the FWWPP today! Let us show you how your company can become an Adoption Partner.

MENTORING THE MENTORS PROGRAM

Mentoring the Mentors Program – conceptualized and developed jointly by the Marie Eugenie Foundation through **Ms. Chinit Delgado Rufino** and the UP College of Education through **Dr. Celia Adriano** and **Dr. Evelyn Mijiliano**. *Mentoring the Mentors* is a comprehensive Teacher Training Program that aims to empower teachers as Agents of Change by developing their mentoring skills and opening them to the concept of Education for Social Transformation. A key area of this program is the integration aspect. This is why it is conducted on-site, so that both the program facilitator and the participants fully appreciate the teaching and learning conditions unique to the participants' school. This program's target clientele are Teacher Educational Institutions (TEI) who are involved in educating future teachers and in-service teachers.

This project is ready to be fielded by the FWWPP under the chairmanship of Ms. Chinit Delgado Rufino.

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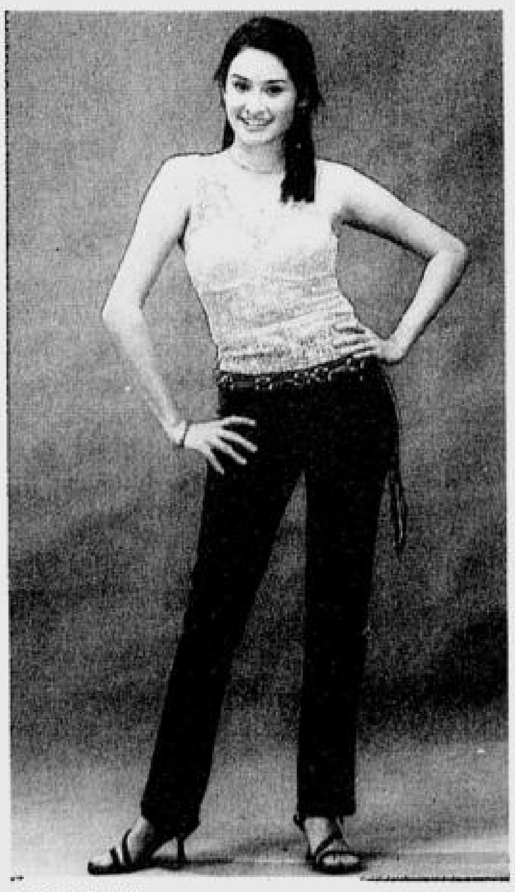
Mall chooses 12 finalists for its beauty contest

ROBINSONS Malls has chosen the top 12 finalists who will be vying for the title of Miss Robinsons, an image model competition launched in July by Robinsons Land Corp. (RLC).

This year's finalists are Angeline Montilla, Veronica Messer, Joanna Rumohr, Sheena Nunez Flores, Karissa Anna Marie Aguas, Blenda Ariola, Rana Aysha Villaroman, Maribeth Quiacosan, Frances Anne Meneses, Ma. Rosario Cabel, Jeramie Alagon and Diana Jean Espedido.

Over 100 young and pretty girls from all over the country submitted their application forms in the hope of becoming the very first image model of one of the country's most prestigious mall chains. All the applicants were screened by a panel of judges at the Manila Galleria Suites. The 12 were chosen based on the following: photogenic quality, beauty of face and figure, overall projection and personality. They will be presented to the media in a press preview program to be held on Nov. 19 at the Manansala Hall of Manila Galleria Suites.

Miss Robinsons is co-presented by Seventeen Magazine and Palmolive Naturals Shampoo and Conditioner. The top four winners will bring home cash prizes amounting to P100,000 plus gift checks from Robinsons Department Store, trips to Cebu courtesy of Cebu Pacific, hotel accommodations from Cebu Midtown, Palmolive gift packs, gift checks from Jesi Mendez, gift packs from SilverWorks and ZA Cosmetics. The candidates will be wearing apparel from Evolution and Sabella.



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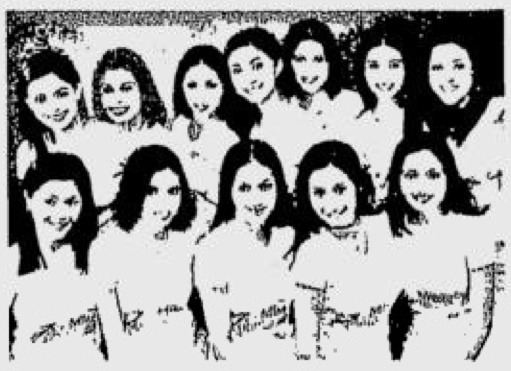
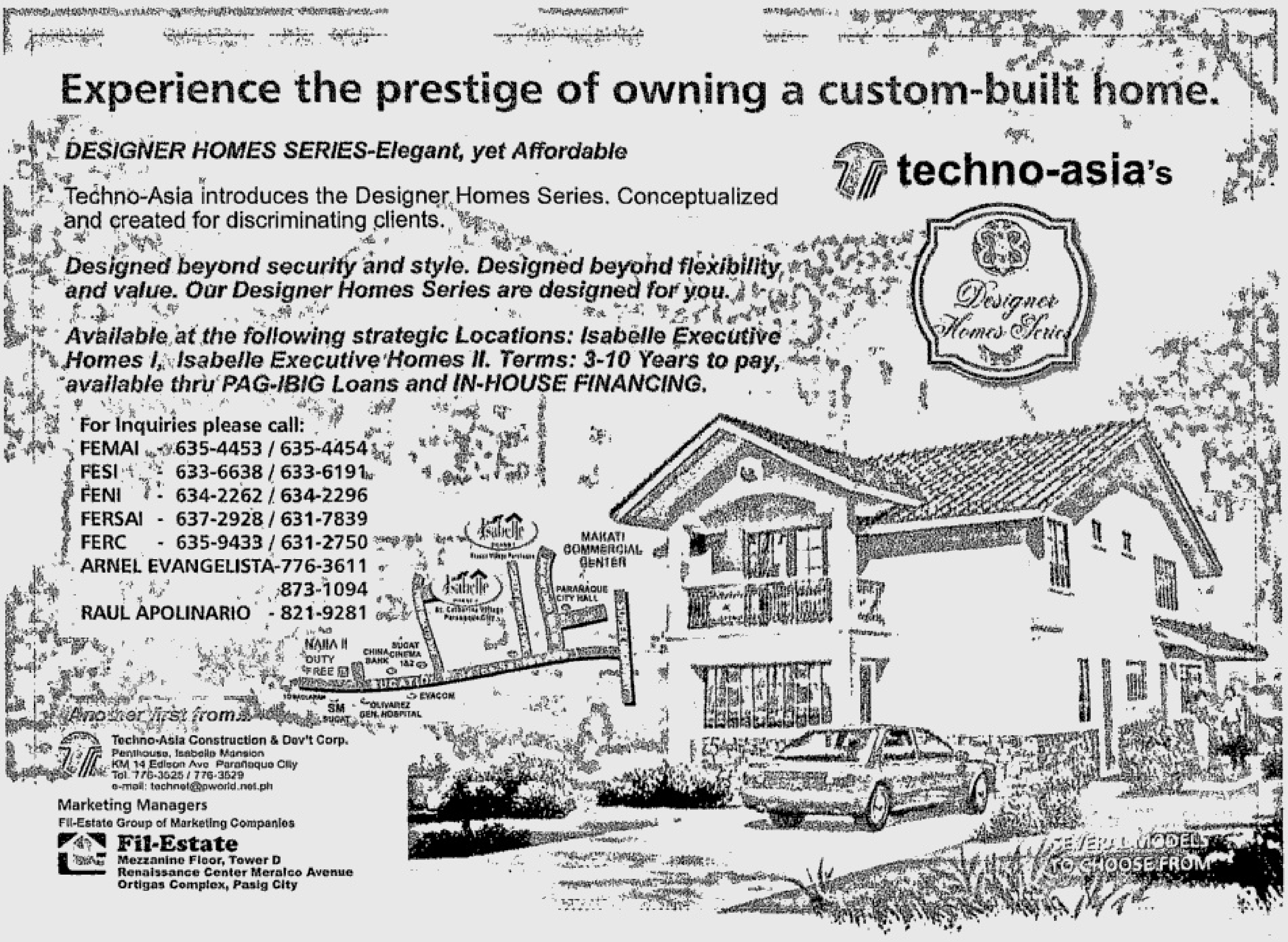


STANDING, from left, Ma-Rose Cabel, Jhei Alagon, Blenda Ariola, Nikki Meneses, Diane Espedido, Kara Aguas, Joanna Rumohr; seated, Beth Quiacosan, Nica Messer, Sheena Flores, Aysha Villaroman and Angel Montilla



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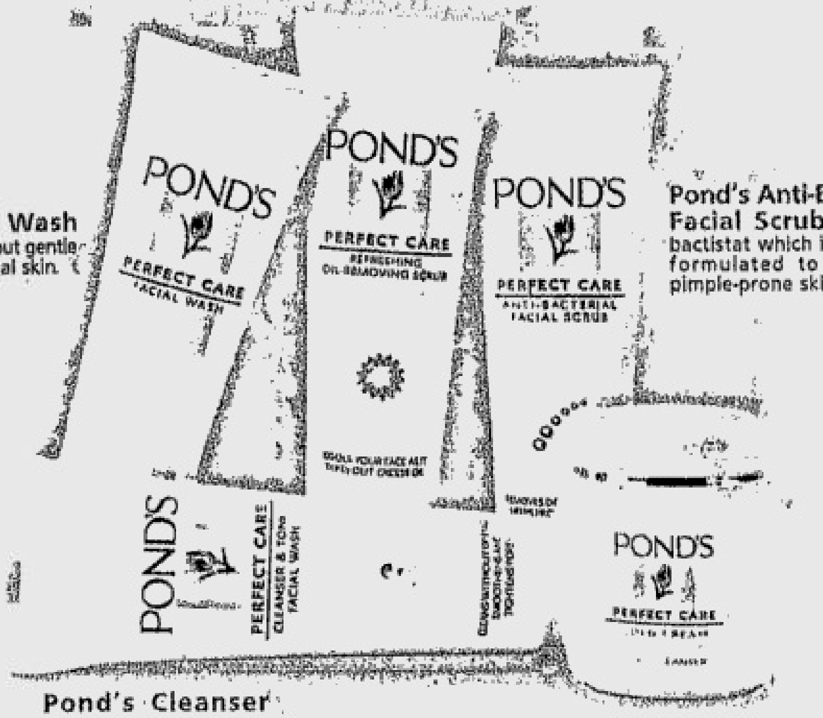
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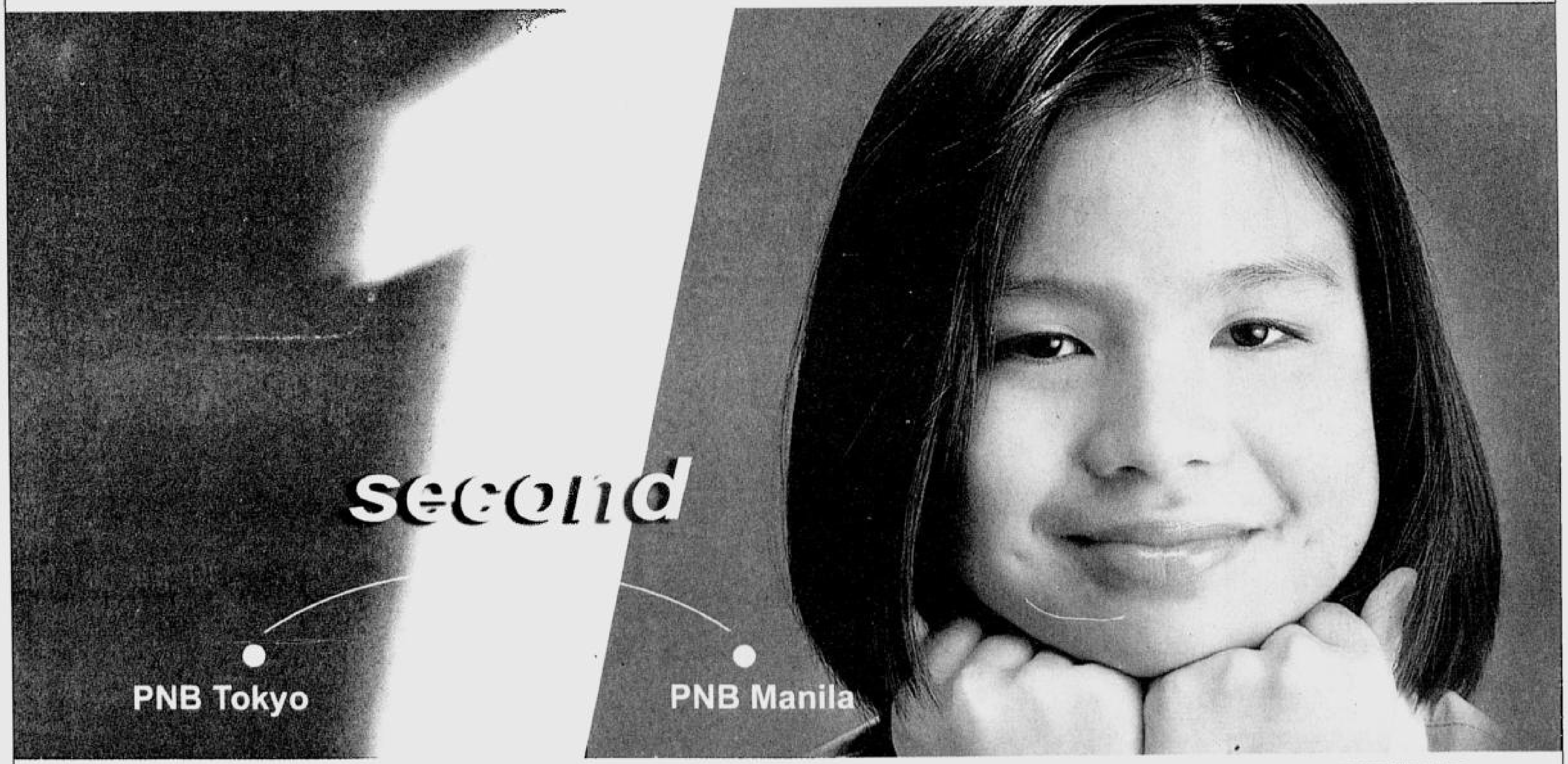
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PAMPANGA Rep. Juan Pablo Bondoc takes a bride, Paula Camille Locsin

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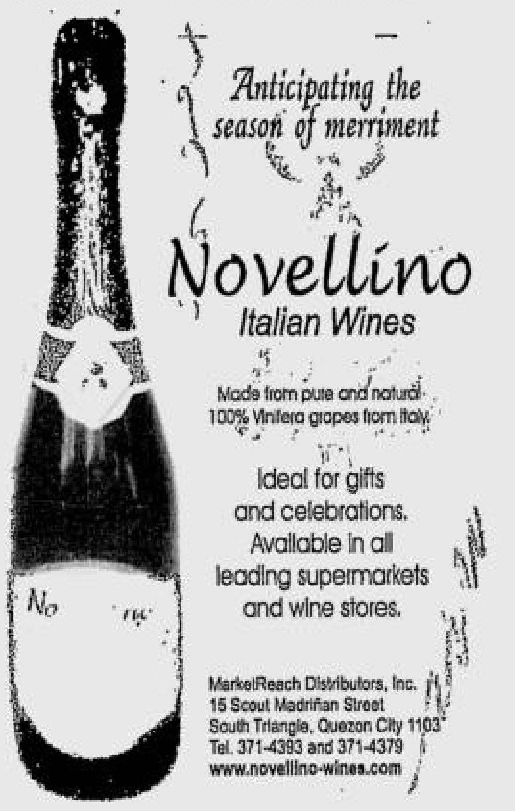
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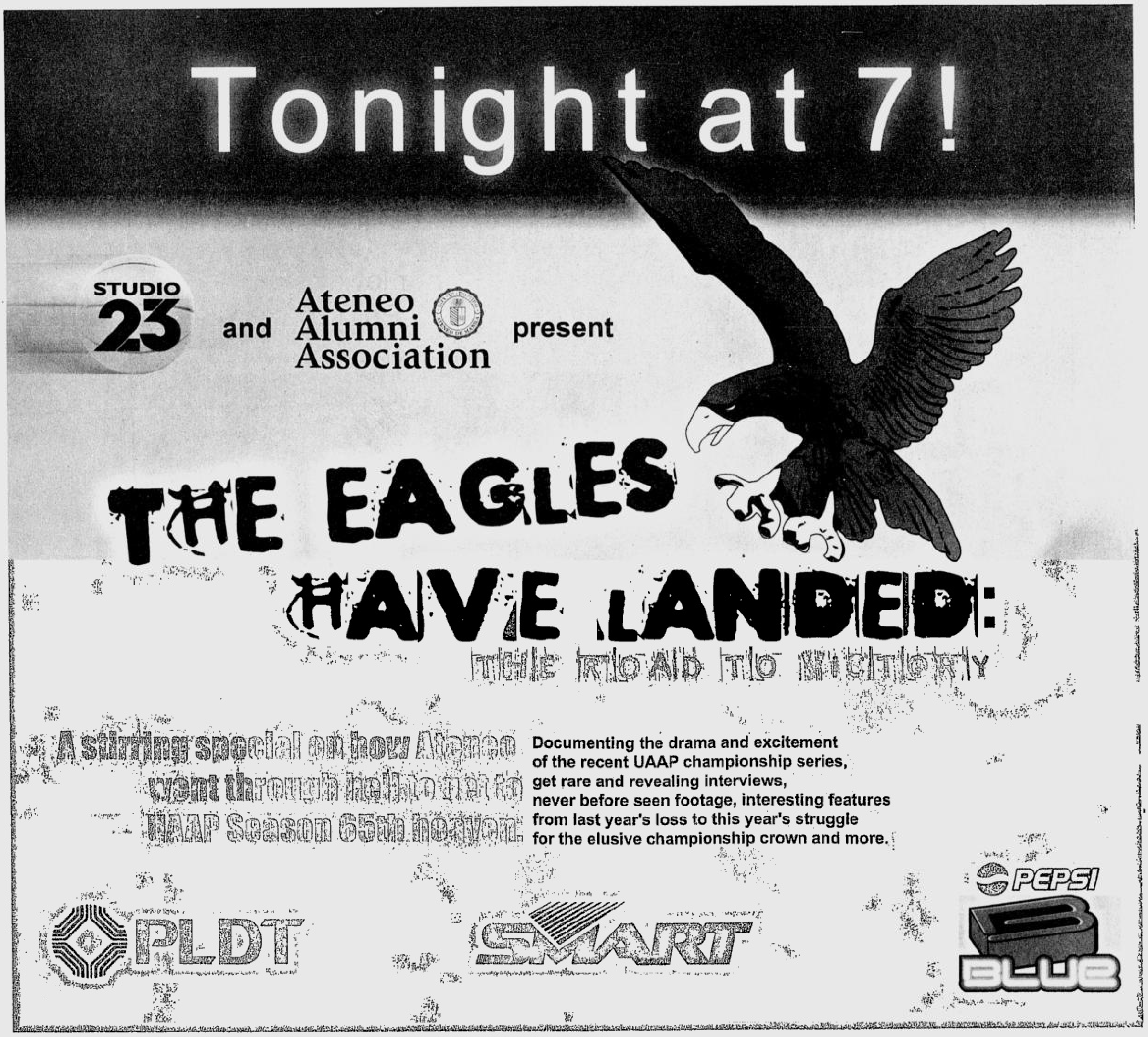
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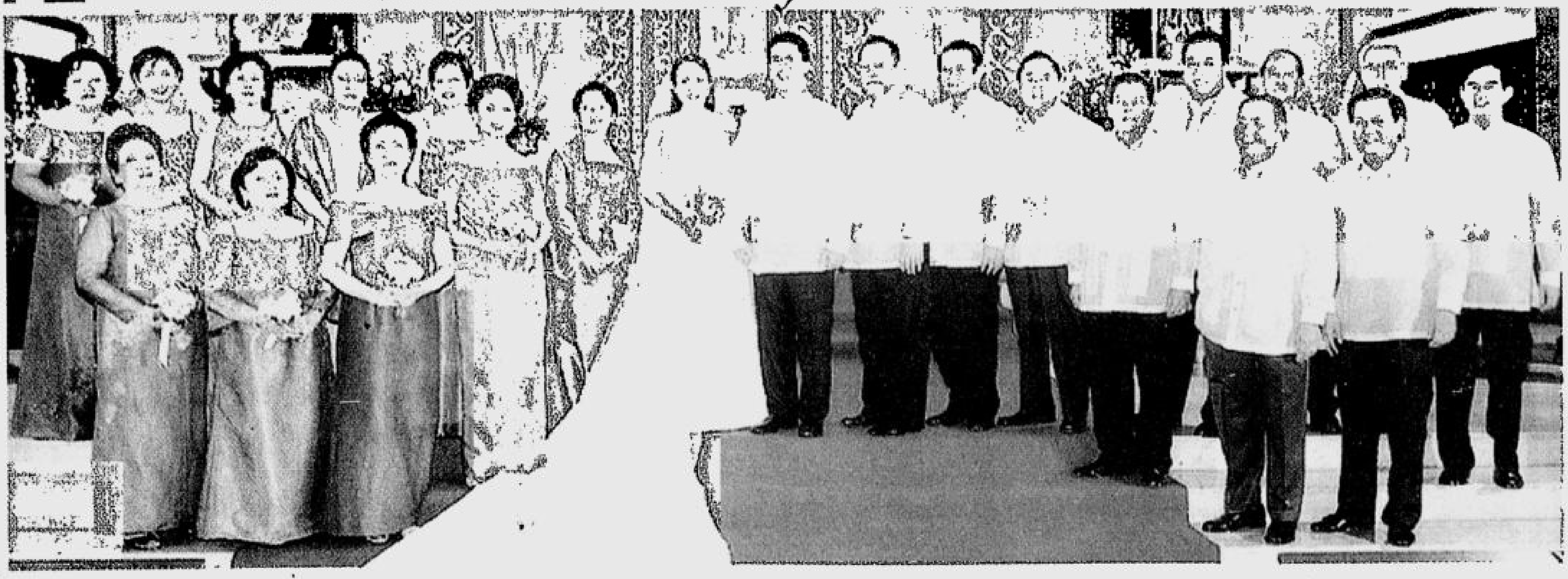

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A union with congressional approval

By Donnie C. Ramirez
Contributor

PAULA Camille Locsin, daughter of a member of Congress, met Juan Pablo "Rimpy" Bondoc three years ago when her mom, Leyte Rep.Vicky Larrazabal-Locsin, invited the young and goodlooking legislator from the fourth district of Pampanga to her birthday party.

"My mom and Rimpy were already colleagues in Congress," the fair, porcelain-skinned bride recalls. "We became good friends when I joined the staff of then Majority Floor Leader (now Trade Secretary) Mar Roxas as a consultant."

For two years, Paula and Rimpy were just friends, going out for dinner with other young solons. In fact, Paula even set up dates for Rimpy with some of her friends. Rimpy would drive all the way from Pampanga to join the group.

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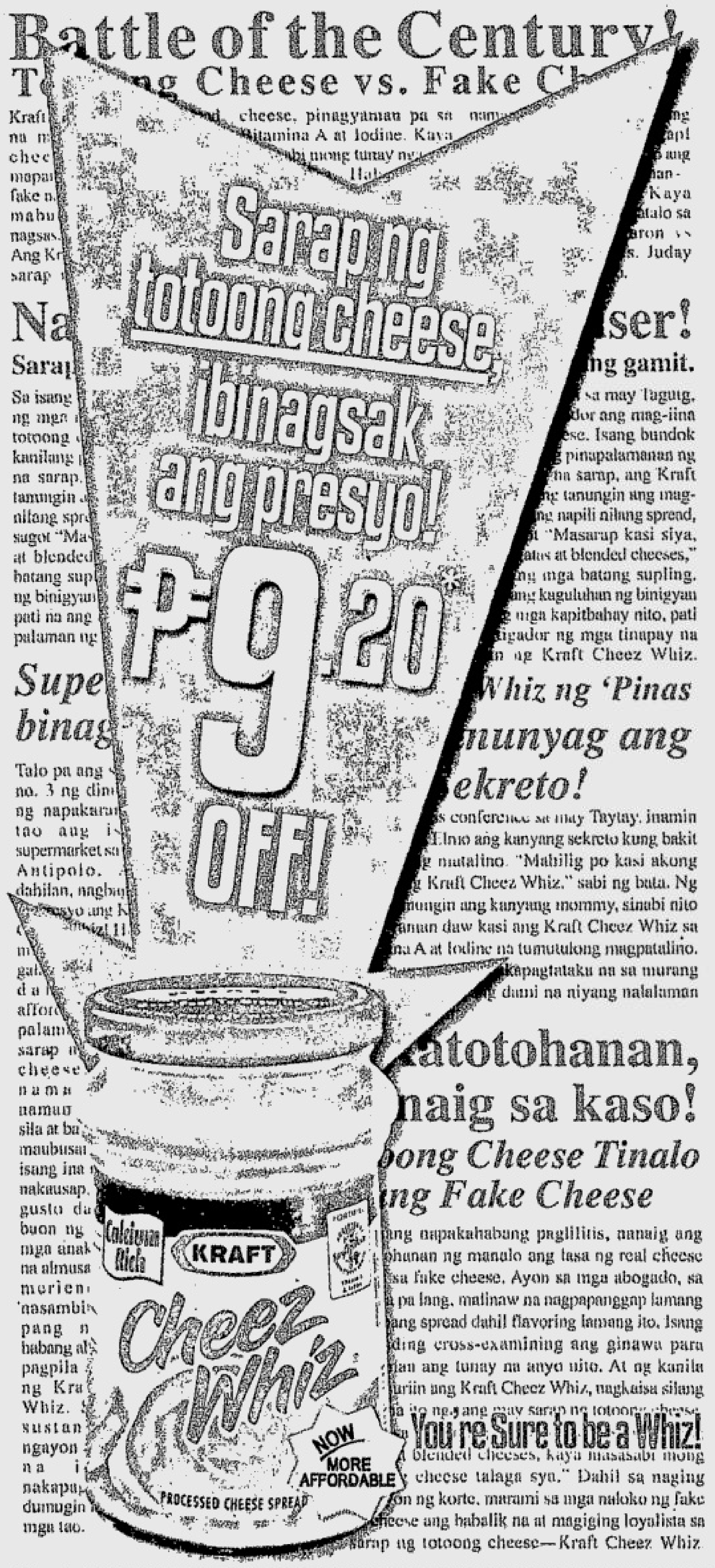
WITH THE GROOM'S sister Dr. Anna Bondoc and mother Margarita Puyat-Bondoc

YOUNG newlyweds Rimpy and Paula (nee Locsin) Bondoc

The bride even set up dates for her would-be groom with some of her friends

WITH THE BRIDE'S family: Brother Mitch (holding son Paco) and wife Bea, mom Vicky, dad Carmelo, sister-in-law Christina, brother Toto with son Matteo. On the foreground are little Paolo and Pia Locsin.

RIMPY (middle) with pals Mon To-Ong, Peter Go, Ronald Mercado, Mark Macias, Nestor Tolentino, Peter Nolasco and Lito Joaquin



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s conference sa may Taytay, inamin Elmo ang kanyang sekreto kung bakit g matalino. "Mahilig po kasi akong g Kraft Cheez Whiz," sabi ng bata. Ng mungin ang kanyang mommy, sinabi nito anan daw kasi ang Kraft Cheez Whiz sa na A at Iodine na tumutulong magpatalino. kapagtataka na sa murang g dami na niyang nalalaman

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ong Cheese Tinalo ng Fake Cheese

ng napakahabang paglilitis, nanaig ang ohanan ng manalo ang lasa ng real cheese sa fake cheese. Ayon sa mga abogado, sa a pa lang, malinaw na nagpapanggap lamang ang spread dahil flavoring lamang ito. Isang ding cross-examining ang ginawa para an ang tunay na anyo nito. At ng kanila uriin ang Kraft Cheez Whiz, nagkaisa silang blended cheeses, kaya masasabi mong cheese talaga syn." Dahil sa naging on ng korte, marami sa mga naloko ng fake cheese ang babalik na at magiging loyalista sa sarap ng totoong cheese—Kraft Cheez Whiz.

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WITH THE BRIDE'S old school chums from Poveda and AdMU

BRIDE Paula dances with dad, Ormoc City Mayor Carmelo Locsin.

MORE guests: Ann Gua, Girlie Villarosa, Chali Valencia, Julita Villareal, Gina de Venecia and Lucille Teodoro Paula (extreme right)

A union . . .

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In October last year, he finally made it known that it was Paula, not any of her friends, that he liked. What followed was a whirlwind romance.

Barely two months later, on Dec. 21, 2001, Rimpy's family made the formal *pamanhikan*, and last Sept. 7, the couple made their wedding vows at the Sanctuario de San Jose in Greenhills, San Juan. The church was a sentimental choice because it was where Rimpy and Paula and her family attended Sunday Masses.

Paula was every inch the radiant bride in a gown by Rajo Laurel as she walked down the aisle in the arms of her father, Ormoc City Mayor Carmelo Locsin. Rimpy, the son of Margarita Puyat-Bondoc and the late Pampango Rep. Emigdio Aliwalas-Bondoc, wore an embroidered barong Tagalog also designed by Laurel.

The bride attended the Poveda Learning Center and the Ateneo de Manila University. She is a co-owner of the chic fine-dining restaurant, Cena, in Libis. The groom, now on his second term as congressman, graduated from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, where he was a student leader. He completed his master's degree in public administration at the John F. Kennedy School of Government in Harvard.

Officiating at the wedding were Archbishop Paciano Aniceto of Pampanga, Archbishop Pedro Dean of Leyte and Rimpy's *lolo*, Msgr. Guido Aliwalas. Church music was provided by the Ed Pasamba Strings and the 92 AD Choir. Robert Blancaflor of 1816 Flowers did the décor.

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Secondary sponsors were Rep. JJ Romualdo and Marivic Moreno (candle), Rep. Rodito Albano and Fenny Herrera (veil), and Rep. Gilbert Teodoro and Wendy Puyat (cord). Groomsmen were Mon To-Ong, Jimbo Jimenez, Dicky Alikpala, Martin Velasco, Mannix Manalo and Nestor Tolentino, while bridesmaids were Dimples Larrazabal, Anna Martinez, Marchee Rosero, Jackie Crisologo, Lia Pastrana and Aya Gica. The little attendants were Paolo Locsin, ring-bearer; Felipe Matteo Locsin, coin-bearer; Paco Locsin, Bible-bearer; and Pia Locsin, Isabel Nepomuceno, Isabel Velez, and Stefanie and Ileana del Rosario, flower girls.

The dinner reception, catered by Le Soufflé, was held at the NBC Tent in Fort Bonifacio Global City. Complementing the lavender color motif of the wedding, Penk Ching of Pastry Bin created a towering fondant cake with pink roses as accents.

After the dinner and traditional toasts, Sabor Latino and the Parliament Syndicate alternated on the bandstand for the dancing that lasted till after midnight.

Rimpy and Paula gave their *ninongs* and *ninangs* Murano crystal figurines, while the secondary sponsors went home with lovely tea sets. Other guests got mugs with coffee beans, tiny spoons and biscotti. Like so many other things in their wedding, the choice of giveaways was significant, too. While courting Paula, Rimpy would bring freshly roasted coffee every time he visited her after a marathon session or committee meeting at the Batasan.

To Rimpy and Paula, a toast for a long and lasting marriage. Cheers!

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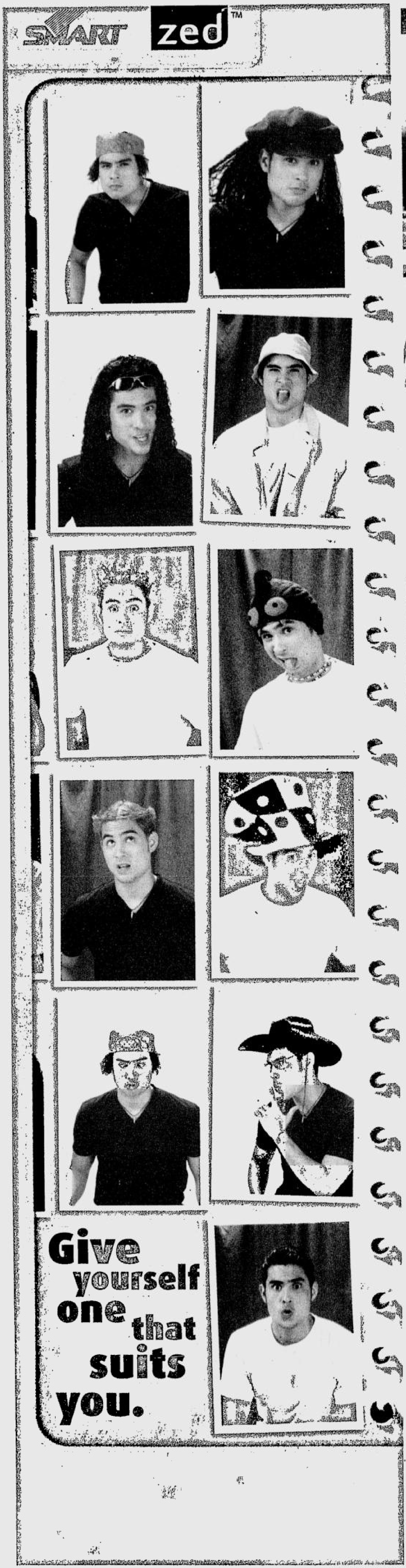
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Lakeside

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Ricefields, mountains and verdant scenery come as a much-needed respite for the city-weary rat escaping the doldrums of the concrete jungle.

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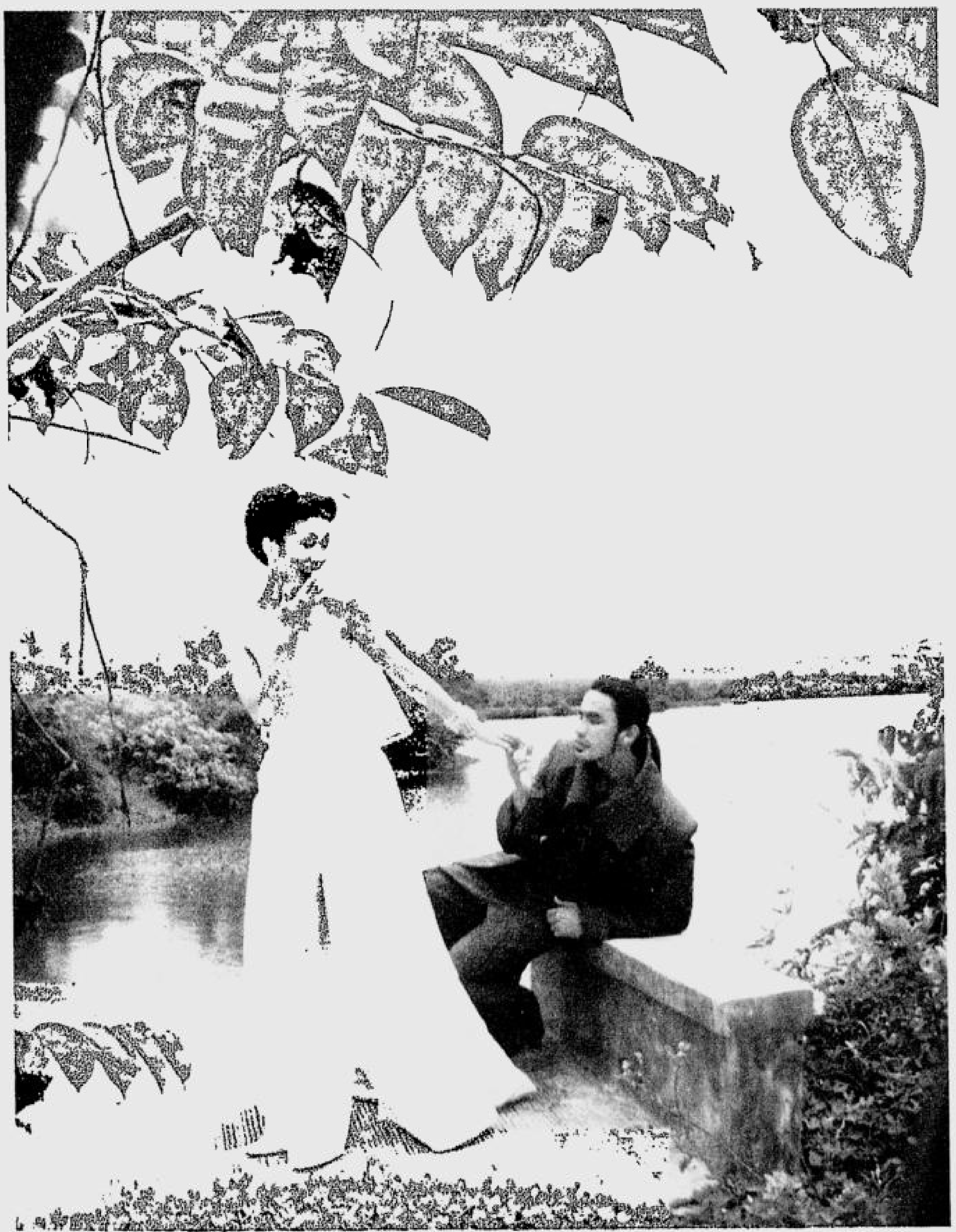

PRETTY PLEATS. Assymetrical silk top pleated a la Miyake over silk gazzar palazzo pants for her; non-traditionally constructed suit for him

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tropical dream, but rather you are actually experiencing the pastoral pleasures of Laguna. Or, to be more precise, you have reached the day's destination called Porta Verde in the environs of Lake Lumot and Caliraya.

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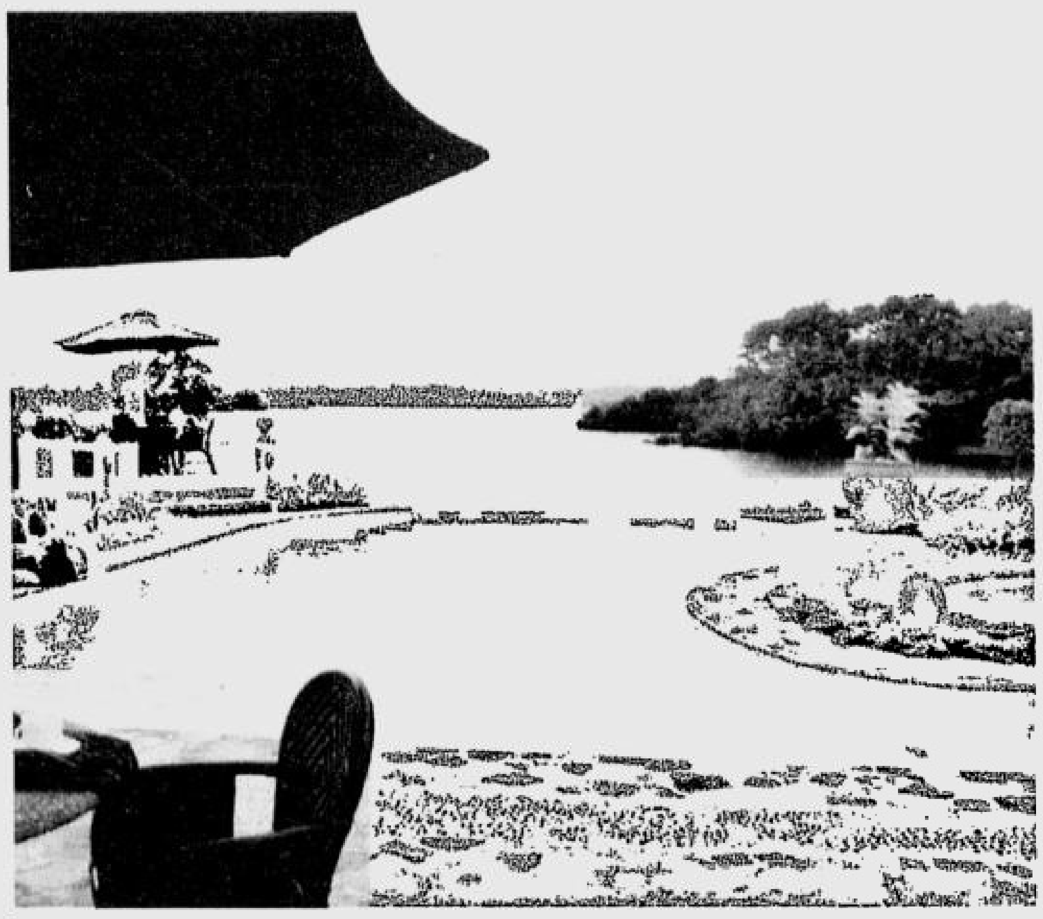
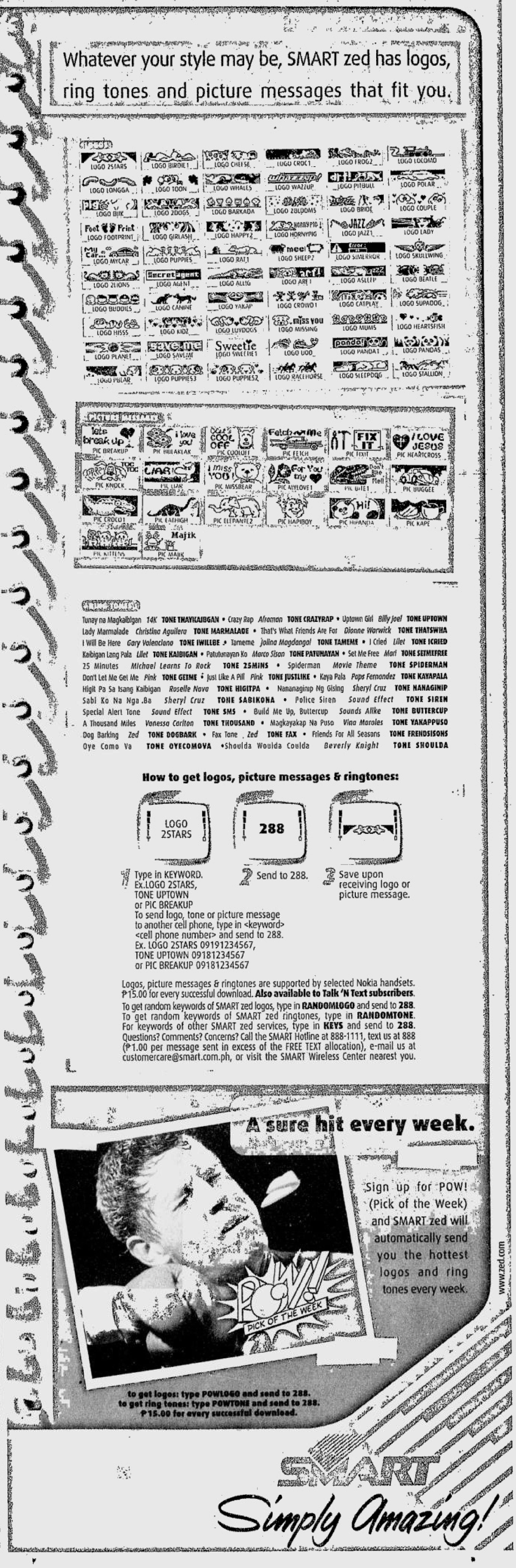
BROCADE gives luster to simple A-line skirt; low back and big bustle are sure to catch attention. Groom provides color with his deep burgundy wool suit and turquoise inside shirt.





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Such was the setting for this year's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders' Summit in Mexico as Maritina Romulo accompanied her father, Ambassador Roberto R. Romulo, and a formidable 21 heads of state as they trooped down to the lovely coastal hideaway. Maritina, a Smart subscriber for the past six years, was completely pleased with herself. She was thoroughly impressed by the international roaming coverage of her choice network: "While some members of the Philippine delegation on other networks remained incommunicado with no signal, Smart allowed me to text my fiancé and friends as soon as we reached Cabo San Lucas".

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When Maritina wasn't busy rubbing elbows with the planet's movers and shakers, she took time off to unwind and make the most of the short getaway. "They have the greatest spas there...the latest trend was hot rock massage. AMAAAAZING! Imagine sun, sea and a de luxe way of pampering your mind and body", Maritina recalls.

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As the conference wrapped-up and it was time to go home, Maritina found herself on the same homeward bound plane as President Arroyo. Back in Manila, the President had the birth of her first grandchild to look forward to and another international power conference to attend, the eighth ASEAN summit in Cambodia.

Maritina, on the other hand, whipped out her celfone and began making calls and sending those urgent SMS. After all, there were a lot of stories to tell. And did we hear right....wedding arrangements to make...?

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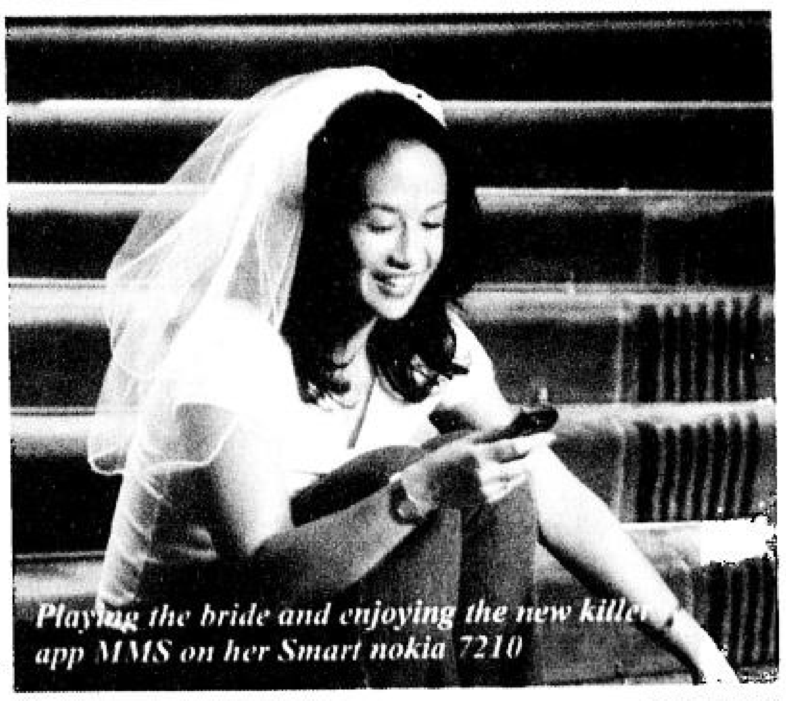

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Maritina steps out for a night on the town in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Enjoying a glorious day at the pool deck in the hotel in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

"Am I in paradise or what..."muses Maritina as she soaks in the view from her room in Cabo San Lucas...

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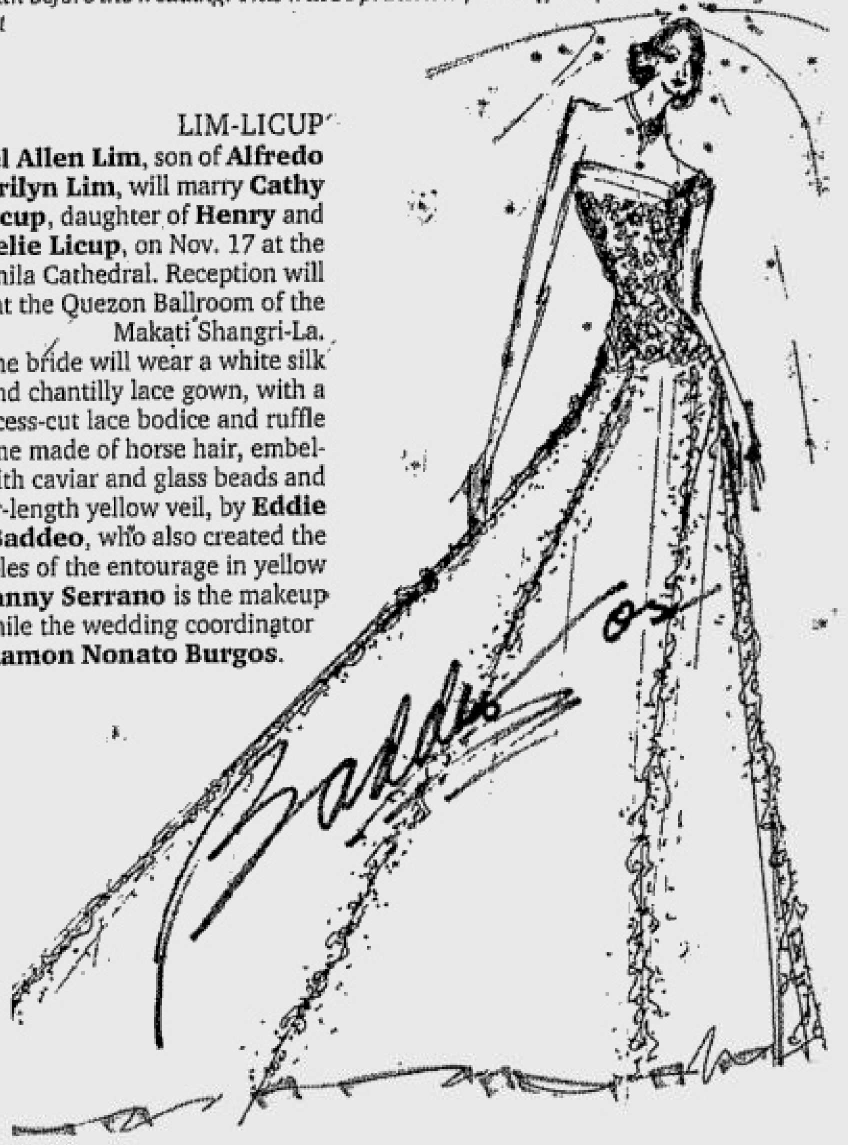


LIM-LICUP

Michael Allen Lim, son of **Alfredo** and **Marilyn Lim**, will marry **Cathy Licup**, daughter of **Henry** and **Roselie Licup**, on Nov. 17 at the Manila Cathedral. Reception will follow at the Quezon Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La.

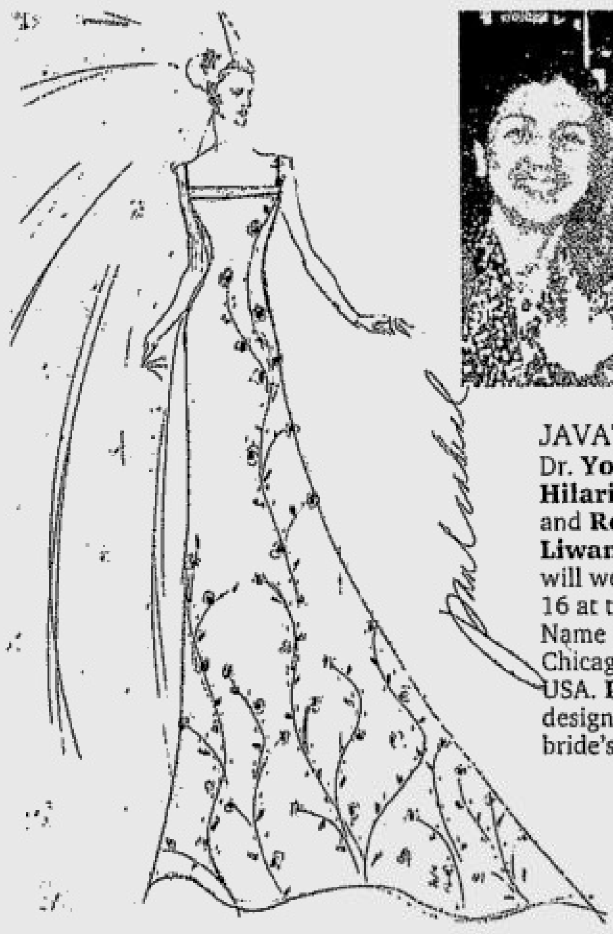
The bride will wear a white silk gazar and chantilly lace gown, with a princess-cut lace bodice and ruffle neckline made of horse hair, embellished with caviar and glass beads and floor-length yellow veil, by **Eddie Baddeo**, who also created the ensembles of the entourage in yellow motif. **Fanny Serrano** is the makeup artist, while the wedding coordinator is **Ramon Nonato Burgos**.

AVENDAÑO-TABASUARES

Ferdinand O. Avendaño will wed **Louella M. Tabasuares** on Nov. 16 at Los Tamaraos Polo and Equestrian Center, Southern Estate, Las Piñas City. He is the son of **Arsenia O. Avendaño** while she is the daughter of **Ernie** and **Loreta Tabasuares**. **Mel Vergel de Dios** designed the bridal gown.

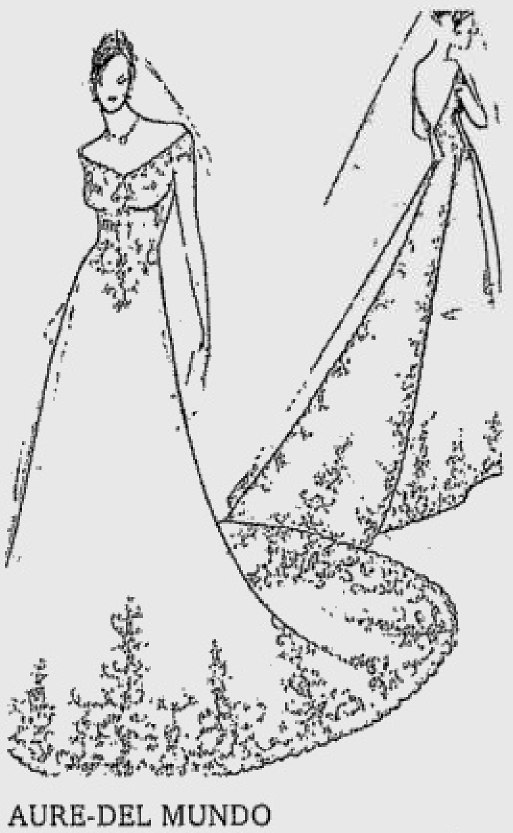
MACATANGAY-BARTE

Raul Macatangay and **Mely Barte** exchanged "I dos" on Oct. 26 at Sta. Rita Parish Church, Batangas City. The Mass was officiated by Fr. **Jose "Joe" Castañeda**. The bride wore a gown designed by **Renn Mayores** of Ching's Creation.



JAVATE-PEREZ

Dr. **Yo-Anna Hilario Perez** and **Roland Liwanag Javate** will wed on Nov. 16 at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois, USA. **Paul Cabral** designed the bride's gown.

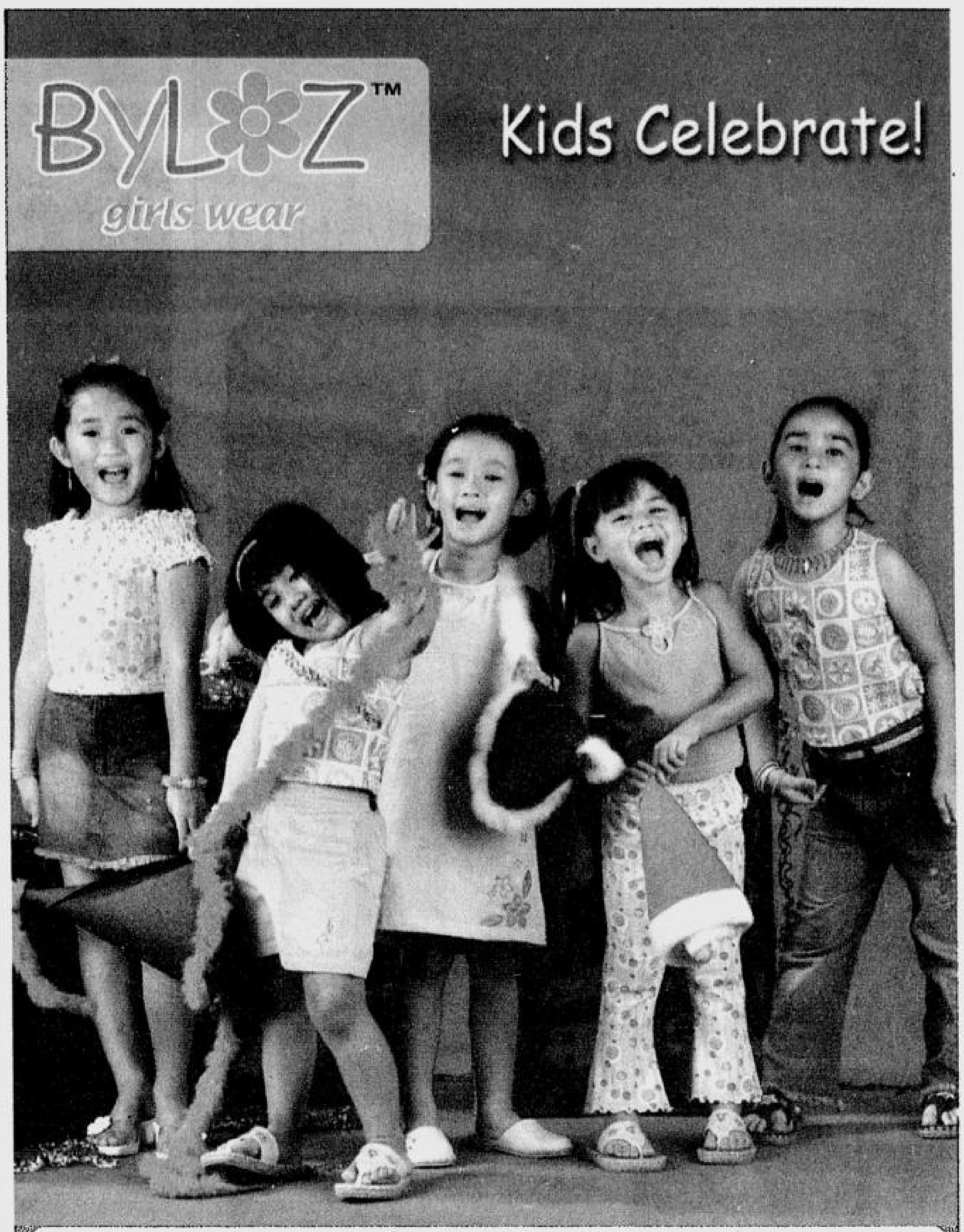


AURE-DEL MUNDO

Jose Antonio Tan Aure, son of **Domingo** and **Lourdes Aure**, will wed **Ma. Irma Lapena del Mundo**, daughter of **Glorioso** and **Modesta del Mundo** on Nov. 24, at the Archdiocesan Shrine of Jesus. It will be officiated by Rev. Msgr. **Augusto Laban**. Reception will follow at the Rigodon Ballroom, Peninsula Manila. The bride will wear a **Patis Tesoro** creation.

SANTANA DEBUT

Diana Santana, only daughter of **Boy** (deceased) and **Lyn Santana**, celebrated her 18th birthday on Oct. 19 at Big Fella Restaurant, Parañaque City. A consistent scholar, she's a computer information systems management major at Asia Pacific College.



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Game Of Love (w/ Michelle Branch)
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8 **Come Away With Me**
Norah Jones
9 **Chillout Project**
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10 **Jazz Café Series: Cappuccino**
Various Artists
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13 **Forty Licks**
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16 **Elvis 30 #1 Hits**
Elvis Presley
17 **Simply The Best 60's**
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18 **Paradise**
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Frank Sinatra
20 **Barenaked**
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21 **Live Series**
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ON A SLOW RAFT. Beaded lace top and faux feathers on column skirt for the bride; light beige wool suit for the groom

Lakeside weddings

Text by Antonio Salac Santos
Photos by Chito Vecina

A 'green' respite from urban stress, Porta Verde beckons to lovers and other strangers

TO HAVE breezed through the South Expressway on a weekday morning rush hour is good reason enough to celebrate your fortune.

Past the clogged and polluted streets of Calamba, and even Los Baños town proper, the atmosphere gradually changes.

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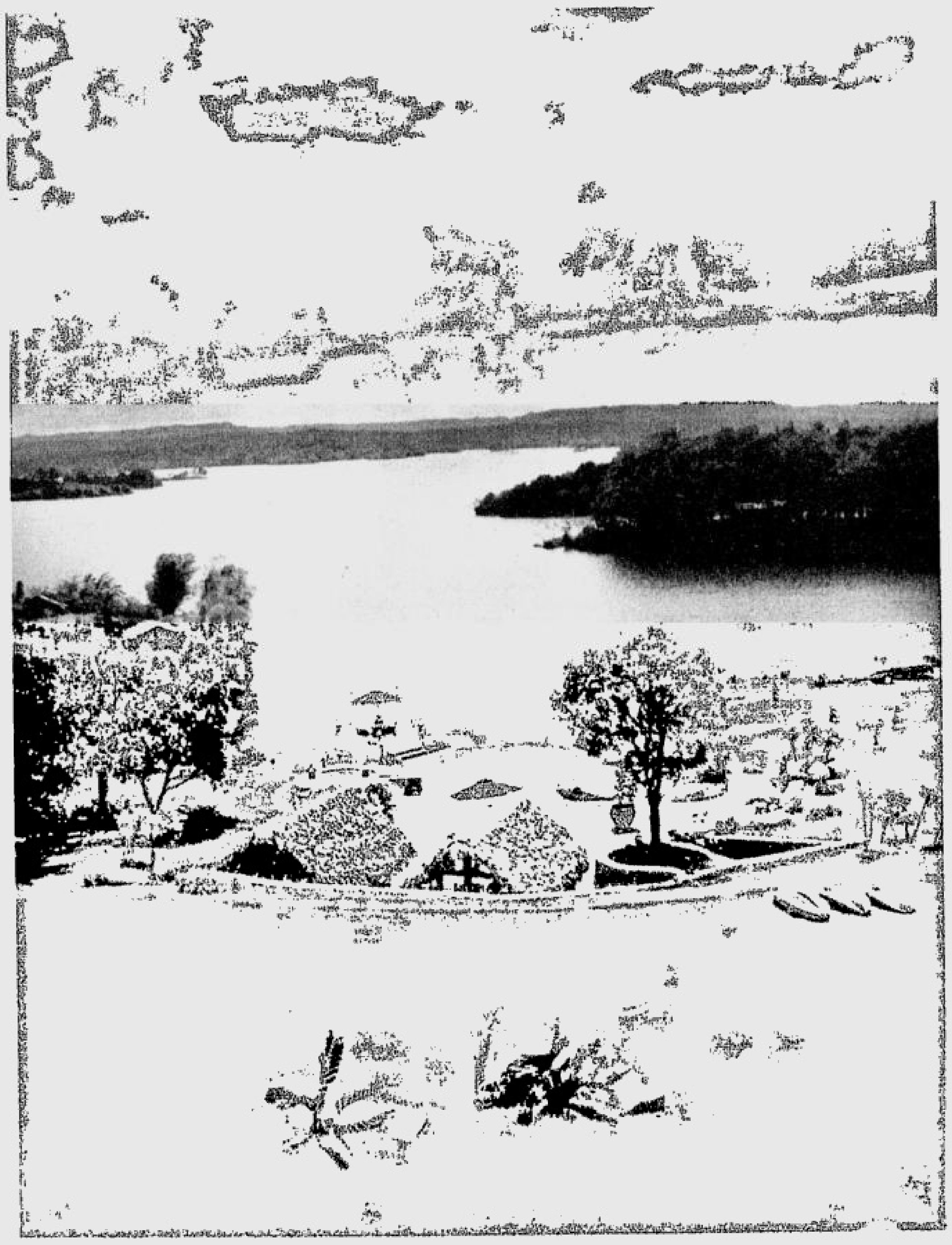

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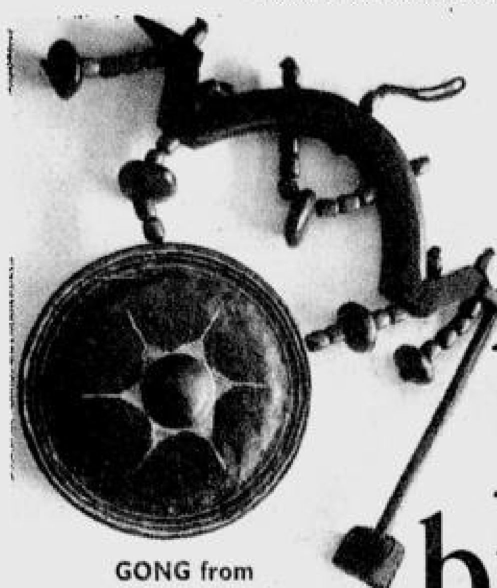

GONG from Asian Finds

Bazaar buzz: More heavenly finds

ANTIQUE jars from Pnky's Collection

Heaven Sent will carry items to satisfy even the fussiest bargain hunter

Text by Anne A. Jambora
Photos by Romy Homillada

HEAVEN Sent: The Lifestyle Bazaar, considered the queen of all bazaars, promises to bring even more rare finds to its growing and discriminating clientele. Now on its 10th year, the bazaar will be held Nov. 16-17 and 23-24 at the Manila Polo Club, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Aside from vintage watches, private collectors will offer antique furniture, vases and priceless paintings, including the oil painting collection of Cesar Buenaventura, which will be offered at prices more reasonable than the costs of pieces auctioned a few years ago at Sotheby's and Christie's.

"We take pains [to look] for new items that we think will be unique," says Heaven Sent founder Carmen Jimenez-Ong. She says the bazaar only offers items it believes will give good value for money and attractive to shoppers.

The bazaar has established a tradition for supporting charities. This year's beneficiary is the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), along with local charities Edu-Care Foundation and Make a Wish Foundation.

Workshops and freebies

As any regular visitor to the bazaars knows, there is more than shopping in every Heaven Sent event. This year, for the first time, a Heaven Sent Food Festival will be held every afternoon in collaboration with San Miguel Pure Foods Co. and the Manila Polo Club. Gourmet chefs such as Azurro's Philip Golding, Sandy Daza, Cathy Pineda and Jundy Gueco will share personal holiday recipes with participants for free. Ingredients will be available at discounted prices.

Budding artists can learn for free how to make stained-glass stickers, glitters and beads; perforated lamps, stone impressions, paper quilling and paper embroidery from Craft World Nov. 23 and 24. Craft kits will be available for participants who wish to use their newfound skills at home.

As in the past, the Sacred Heart School will run a children's activity center for the convenience of parents with kids. There will be edible freebies such as hotdogs, chicken nuggets,

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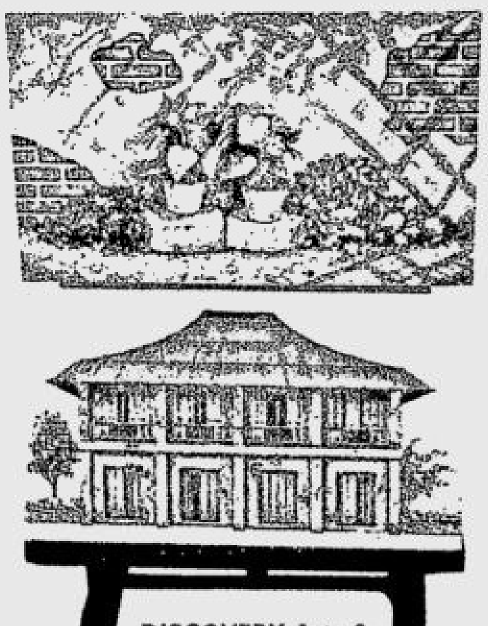

DISCOVERY Arts & Gallery's artworks

HANDMADE wooden toys from Gabriel's Workshop

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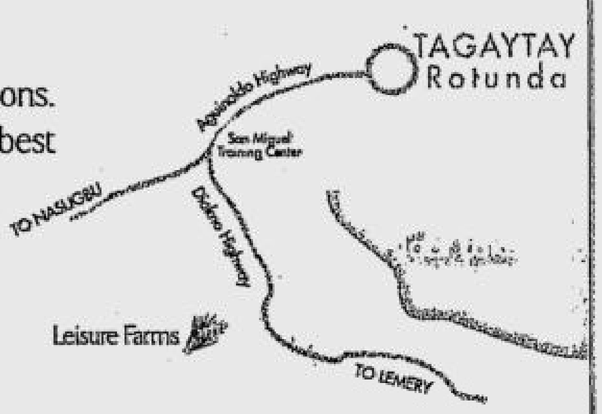

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JEFF Koon's limited edition coffee set

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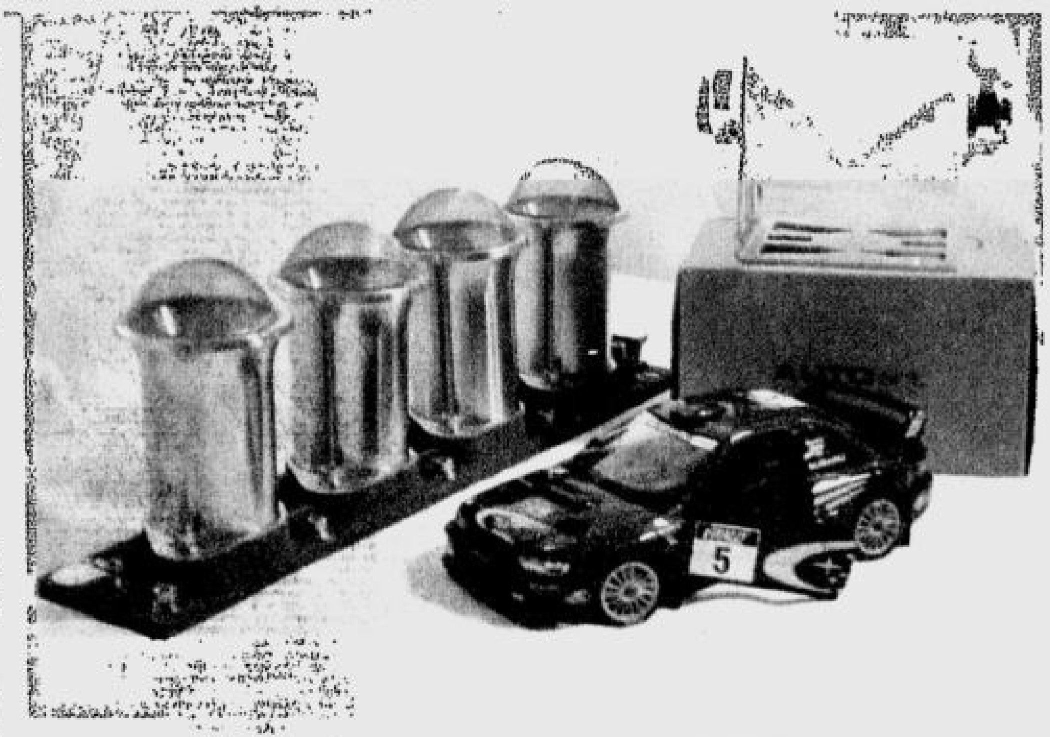

ITEMS for men from Hobby World

Bazaar buzz: More heavenly finds

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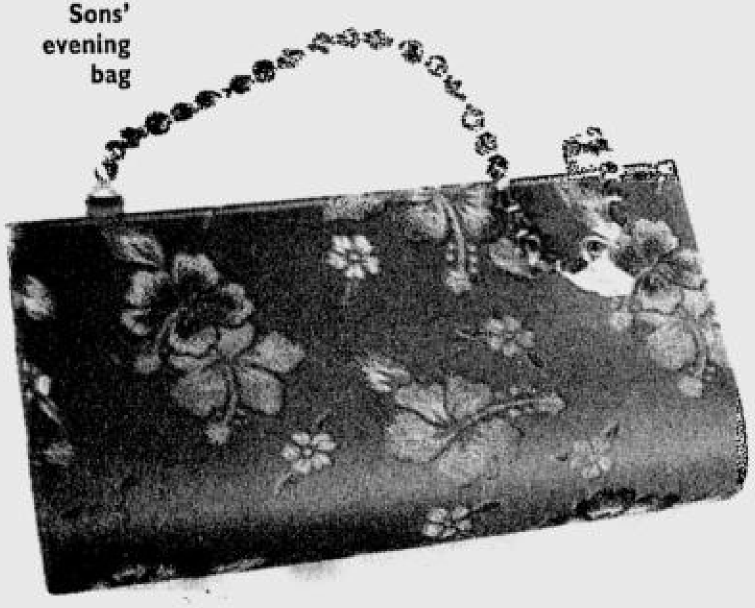

BAGS from Aranaz (right) have made appearances in the hit TV sitcom "Friends"; (below) Campos & Sons' evening bag

sweets and roasted meats, as well as gourmet coffee from Nespresso.

The bazaar will carry items to satisfy even the fussiest bargain hunter—antiques and modern objects; personal or home items, including exotic pets like tarantulas and star tortoises from the Pet Shop Boys; pajamas, children's wear, maids' uniforms; and pet's bed, bean bags and waffle robes.

Treasures

There will be Jeff Koons' limited edition coffee set and wall sculptures, among others. For the first time, Design Info Co. will make available to Filipino buyers furniture and home accessories designed for export. Gabriel's Workshop, makers of best-selling wooden toys, will have new handmade stuff for kids.

Flower Box will sell flowering plants, while Carolina's Garden will have rare bamboo plants, and Palola of Lucban, Quezon, a wide selection of bromeliads.

Kikay items will also be available, like Aranaz's bags. For people looking for good investments, North Atelier Jewelers will showcase gold, pearl and diamond pieces. Kuwintas will offer restrung and reconstructed antique bead jewelry—including one that's supposed to be help in birth control. An elegant set of Barco Linens will be available at a fraction of its price at the posh linen boutique LeRon in New York.

Items that will appeal to men will also be on sale such as carburetor-looking tea sets, pens that look like shock absorbers and other exclusive auto art pieces from Hobby World.

"[The] bazaar team has been working hard to make this milestone year an event to remember," Jimenez-Ong says. With over 130 handpicked vendors this year, 30 percent of whom will be newcomers, visitors are unlikely to go home empty-handed.

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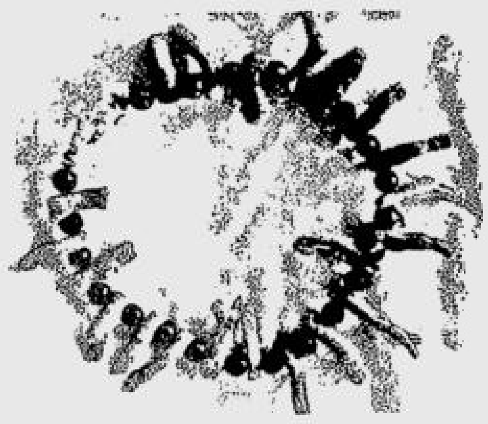
BLOOMS from Flower Box



NECKLACE and other accessories are available from Crystal Connection.

VINTAGE Omega ladies' watch in 18-k white gold and diamonds

Glorious shopping at Makati Sports Club

"THREE Glorious Shopping Weekends!" bazaar starts Nov. 16 and 17 at the Makati Sports Club with "A Christmas Gallery." Other bazaar dates are on Nov. 23 and 24 ("F.O.B. Manila: A Holiday Treat") and Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 ("The Christmas Factory").

The bazaars, which bring together more than 100 vendors for each event, are organized by events specialist Menchie Mabanta, who has been in the business for 21 years. The events are sponsored by I-Bank and the Philippine Gaming Corp.

This year, the Zonta Club of Makati, Bosom Buddies support group, I Can Serve Foundation, Woman Today and Hallmark will be part of the bazaar to help strengthen breast cancer awareness.

The bazaars also offer Swarovski crystals, Vietnamese lacquer wares, intricate Lebanese tablecloths, antique home décor, a wide range of garments from corporate suits to sleepwear, handicrafts, body care products, cosmetics, toys and educational books, fashion accessories and Tupperware products.

Mabanta's bazaars accept major credit cards like Bankard, Diners, JCB, Mastercard, RCBC and Visa.

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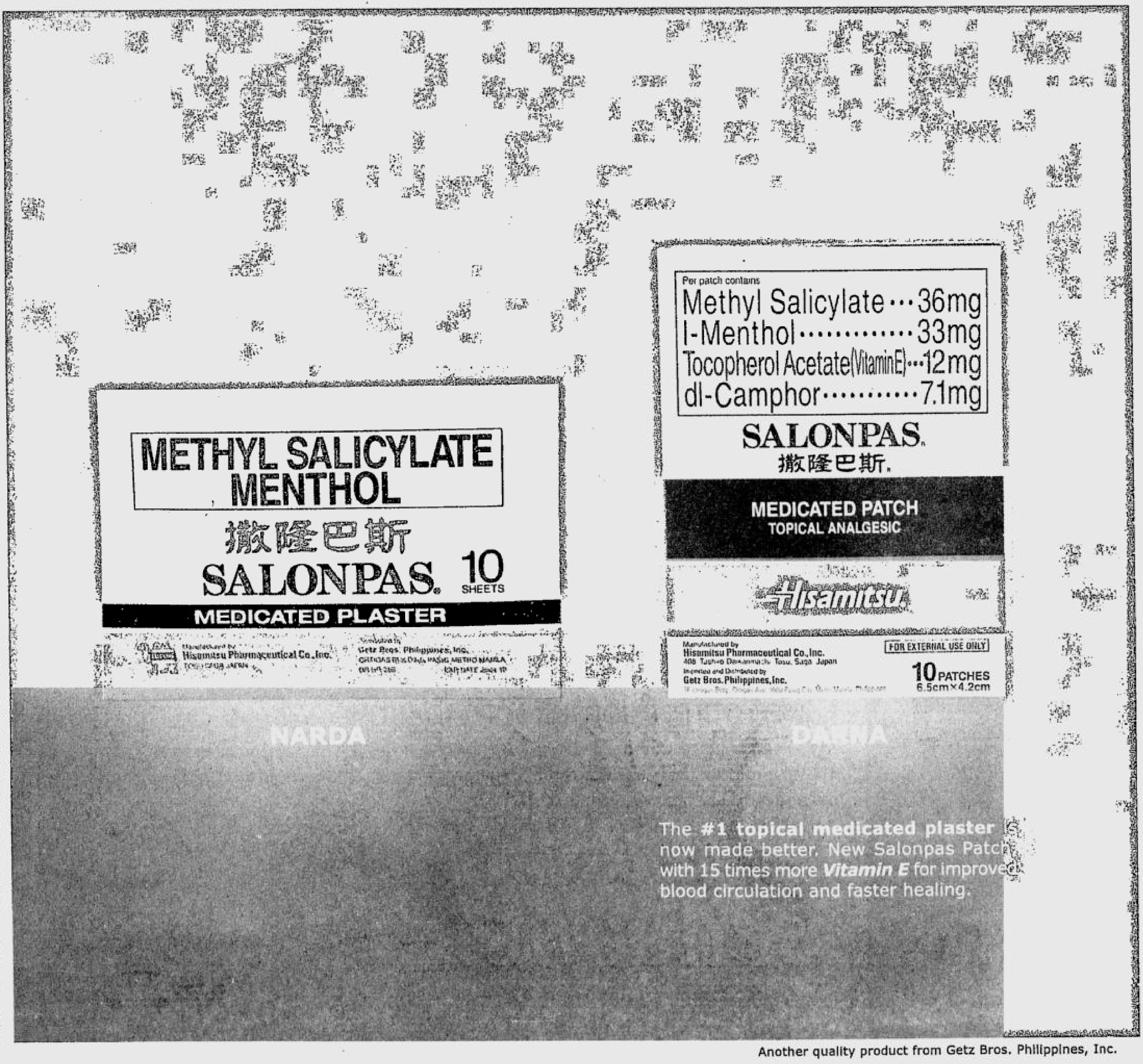
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He's 32, she's 15—is that okay?

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I'm 32, living in Australia, and have a 15-year-old blonde neighbor. She used to be a typical teenager who's a pain in the neck, but I just laughed off her pranks because I felt like a big brother to her. We became close when I stood by her after several of her friends left her for being b--chy.

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

Some months later, she begged me to accompany her to meet her friend, but we ended up sitting on the train station, eating and talking for three hours. Since then, this has become our weekly rendezvous, and I've eaten my word about dating only women 23 and older.

I love it when she wants to see me all the time, when she places her life in my hands, and when she shows affection for me. I loved it when, one time, she asked me if I had a crush on somebody else, and I wanted to tell her that it was her.

I have been controlling myself from plunging into a relationship with her, for fear of losing her friendship. But I also fear that someday, I'll regret not telling her my feelings for the sake of *delicadeza*. I am drawn to her not sexually but by love, and I don't want to lose her to somebody else. Is it okay to have her as my girlfriend and ignore what others might say?

GMC

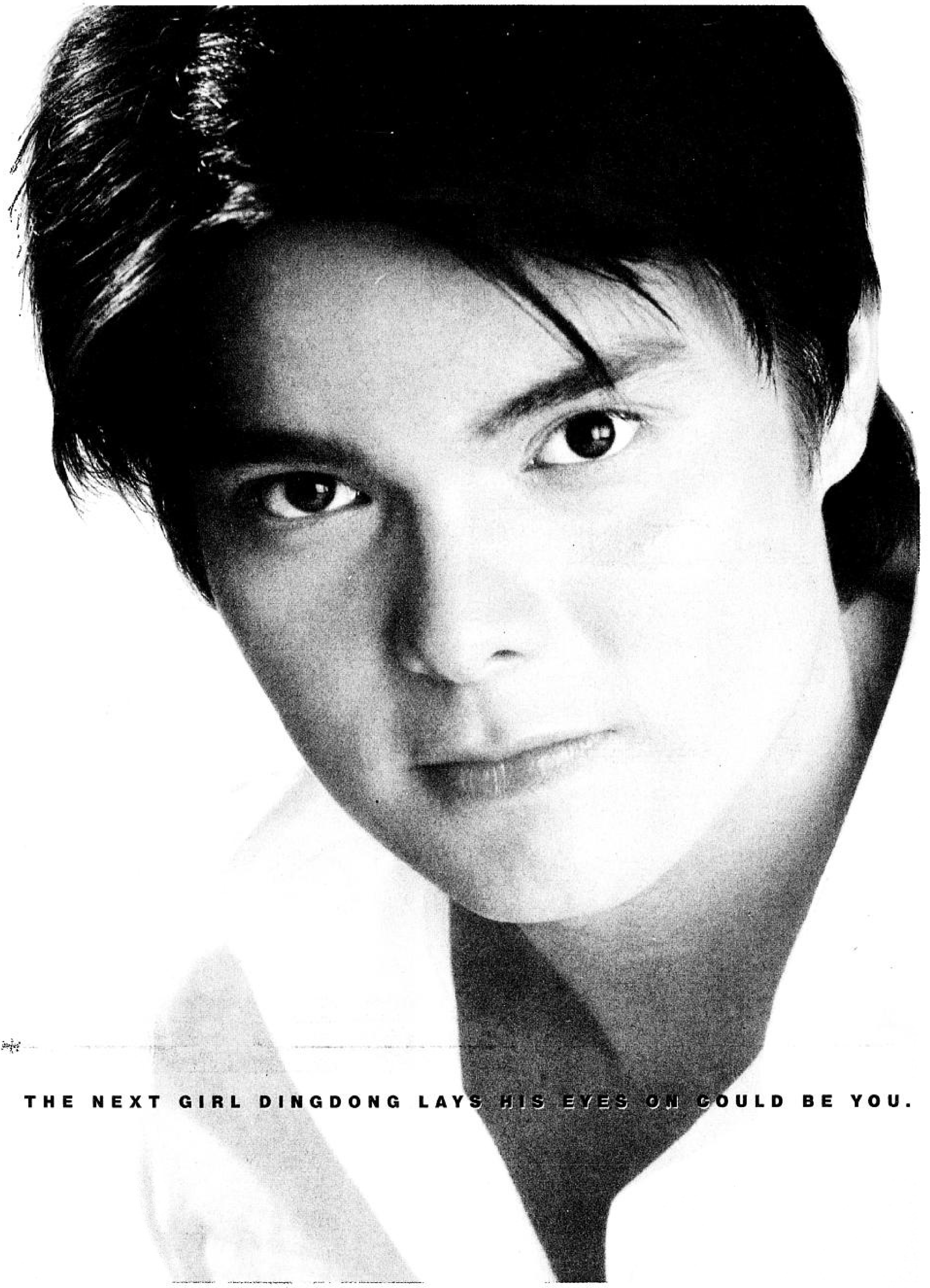
I'm sorry, but it's not okay. And that's not because of your 17-year age gap, but because of her age per se. At 15 years old, she might be mature physically, but she is still far from being an adult in her heart and in her mind. I don't know the legal age of majority in Australia, but since you yourself brought up the issue of *delicadeza*, I take that to mean that 15 doesn't quite make it there. So, it's best to stop seeing her as a blonde neighbor, and more as a "jail bait."

You said that what draws you to her is not sex but love. We all know, however, that love between sweethearts involves not just the meeting of hearts but of the bodies as well.

A boyfriend-girlfriend relationship is a very emotional thing. That's why reason is very important to avoid painful consequences. But how much reason and good judgment can you expect from a 15-year-old when she deals with love and passion for the first time? Not much, I'd say, or the state won't put her under its wings to safeguard her honor and chastity.

Our culture raises comparatively little howl and does not jail the guy when underage sweethearts engage in sex. That's because we understand that their youth, that common lack of good judgment led them to commit such mistake, and in that sense, neither of them took advantage of the gullibility of the other. Parents take the blame for their underage children's errors. And rather than adding more trauma to the drama by jailing the boyfriend, we excuse the sweethearts on the ground that neither of them knew any better. You are, however, 32, and everyone expects you to know better.

E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263 Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City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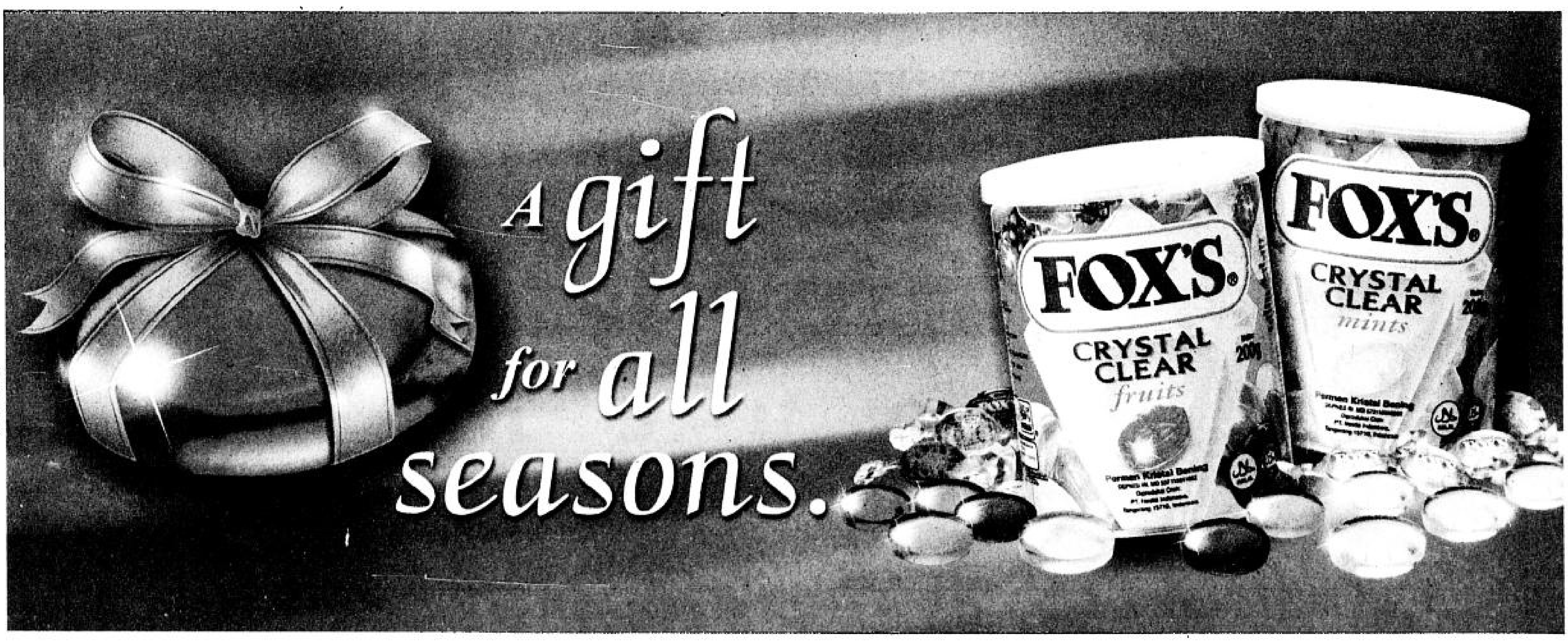

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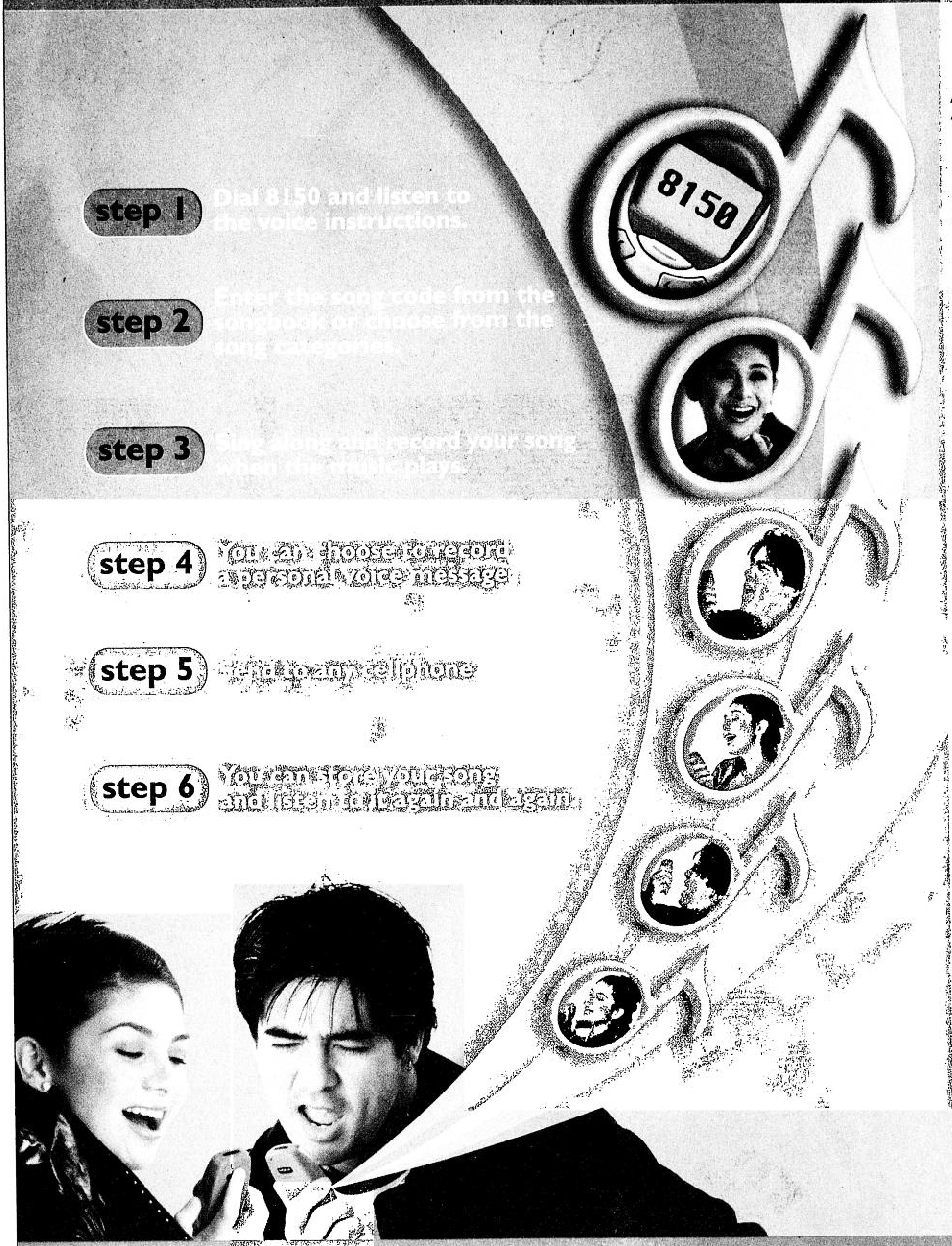

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And I need somebody saying
That there's a chance for me

Everytime I sleep in the night
I wish that she'll be here by my side
To show my deepest feeling and
embrace till in the morning
I don't want to wake up if it's a dream

What a beautiful world
If you find your self in love

Refrain:
What a beautiful world
If you find yourself in love
There's nothing to compare
With everything you've got
'Coz real love lives forever and ever
in your heart

You Are the One
by: Introvoys
(code 0148)

I feel so sad and lonely
Oh how I miss you so
Memories of you, I can't get off my mind
Ever since that day you left me

I can't forget those days
Our happy moments together
Do you remember when we first met?
I knew we belonged to each other

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You are the one for me
The only one can't you see?
My heart I gave to you
Believe me what I say is true.

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Wondering if things would still be
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MESSAGES

Message from the Chair, Board of Trustees

As Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. celebrates its 20th anniversary, we can look back with much pride and satisfaction on its many accomplishments. Our SKIL and SAKA programs have produced well trained young men and women who are now gainfully employed, many of whom are now entrepreneurs.

The Shell training farms set up in Negros, Bicol and Baguio have promoted an integrated farming system, the use of organic fertilizers and high yield varieties improving farm productivity and benefiting many farming communities.

PSFI was in the forefront of community development projects particularly in Subic, Palawan, Mindoro and Batangas, which served as a vehicle for sustainable development programs in these areas.

Even as we look forward to new and innovative programmes and projects to assist marginalized sectors of our society, we pause to pay tribute to the hardworking and dedicated PSFI men and women who have devoted their time and efforts towards helping the less fortunate.

PSFI has shown the way for other Shell companies around the world to emulate. May God bless everyone involved in this noble effort to uplift the lives of our fellowmen.

CESAR A. BUENAVENTURA

Message from the Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
Country Chairman, Shell companies in the Philippines

Let me congratulate Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary, truly an outstanding achievement, especially in the face of the continuing problems our country faces in terms of poverty and social inequity.

Two decades of continuously carrying out its mission in helping the underprivileged transform their lives by improving their skills and productivity proves the dedication and commitment of our company's "social engineers".

PSFI was born within the context of social imperatives that convinced our shareholders to support what was then an innovative approach to corporate social responsibility for an oil company. These forces prompted PSFI to respond to current social needs and to changing times, keeping in mind its voluntary commitment to work according to clearly defined values, standards, and principles.

Today, PSFI continues to position itself not only as the social investment arm of Shell companies in the Philippines, but an organization that strives to reach and sustain global standards in all its operations. Reflective in our flagship programmes is the concept of sustainable development. A guiding principle that PSFI has effected since its early years, the sustainable development commitment of Shell companies prescribes that we meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

On this occasion, therefore, allow me to congratulate the Founding Trustees of PSFI who have championed corporate social responsibility, as well as the members of Shell's management team at that time for having the vision, the generous heart, and the professional commitment to start a new endeavor that twenty years on, as we know now, would touch the lives of over 148,000 Filipinos from all walks of life.

I congratulate in particular PSFI's Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Cesar A. Buenaventura, who was then President of Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, and Mr. Maarten van den Bergh, then Finance Manager. Both were instrumental in providing the business case before the shareholders for the creation of PSFI.

There are countless others who have supported PSFI that we need to congratulate. I take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of the good men and women who have made Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. what it is today.

Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat and may the Lord continue to bless our social work for many more years to come!

ELISEO B. SANTIAGO

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc.
20th Anniversary

PSFI Continues to transform lives

A hundred forty thousand and more in two decades – this is the number of Filipino lives that Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. (PSFI) helped transform from poverty to productivity. This year as it marks its 20th year, PSFI celebrates the lives of the disadvantaged and how they have empowered themselves to improve their quality of life. Through breakthrough opportunities in livelihood projects and skills training programmes, PSFI has increased the incomes of the marginalized and sustained an optimum standard of living that meets their basic social services.

PSFI has provided 11 major programs and a host of projects directly aiding the out-of-school-youth (OSY), marginal farmers, rebel returnees, malaria-exposed communities, budding scientists, public school teachers, and unemployed women. PSFI Executive Director Facundo Roco stresses, "It is not in dole-outs in goods or cash but in putting down roots for long-term, sustainable and self-help programs where one can begin to help raise the quality of life of the poor."

PSFI has catalyzed the lives of 148,464 underprivileged Filipinos nationwide. In 20 years, it has put into action a host of programs including the *Sanayan sa Kakayahang Industriyal* (SKIL), an industrial skills training program for the urban out-of school youth; and its counterpart *Sanayan sa Kakayahang Agrikultura* (SAKA), an agricultural skills training program for the rural OSY; the Shell Training Farms (STF) in three farming communities; the Integrated Farming Bio-Systems (IFBS) program which benefits Agrarian Reform communities; and *Sanayan sa Kakayahang Pangangalakal* (SKP), a program on entrepreneurship. Aside from these, PSFI allocates its resources to projects addressing social issues in the environment, health and safety, employment generation, education, and development in the communities where they operate.

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Malampaya represents the most significant industrial investment in our nation's history. Not only does it provide a cleaner source of energy, it also paves the way for sustainable social development programs to help underprivileged Filipinos—especially those living in Palawan, Mindoro, Batangas and Subic—improve their quality of life.

Since 1998, more farmers have benefited from Malampaya-supported agricultural skills programs of Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. where they were taught how to improve farm productivity, prepare farm and business plans and hands-on marketing. In addition, other social community development programs like health care services and livelihood micro-financing were also initiated to help build a healthy, prosperous society in the provinces.

It is because of this commitment that Malampaya was awarded the **World Summit Business Award for Sustainable Development Partnerships** by the **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** and the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa. For Malampaya is not just about producing natural gas; it is about helping us meet our needs today without compromising our children's future.

Message from the Executive Director

The 20th Anniversary of Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc., which we celebrate today, is a truly significant event.

For the Shell companies in the Philippines – because the Foundation is proof positive of the Company's commitment to corporate social responsibility and sustainable development.

For the Trustees of the Foundation – because the continued growth of PSFI in terms of programs and the numbers of underprivileged Filipinos assisted has proven the sustainability and wisdom of their collective decisions.

For our Partners in social development — because with them and through them, PSFI's dream of reaching more of our target communities had been achieved.

And for our beneficiaries, all 148,000 of them throughout the entire archipelago – because through them we are able to share our vision of a brighter and more prosperous future for all Filipinos.

I only pray that the Lord will continue to bless the work of Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. and allow us to multiply our work exponentially so that we may be able to help more people in the years to come.

Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat !

FACUNDO S. ROCO

Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. history and its core programs

PILIPINAS Shell Foundation Inc. (PSFI) was established on 19 August 1982 by the Shell companies in the Philippines as an operating foundation engaged in social development projects. These were aimed to uplift the quality of life of the underprivileged in the Philippines. Shell companies set up a seed fund that enabled PSFI to sustain its programmes for the long term. A Board of Trustees, composed of leading personalities in Philippine civil society, has been providing policy directions and vision for the foundation. The day to day operations are done by a full time regular staff supported by consultants and project staff.

Sanayan sa Kakayahang Industriyal (SKIL)

SKIL is an industrial skills training program for out-of-school youth (OSY), the first flagship program organized by PSFI in 1982. Unskilled and poor OSYs undergo a one-year training program with modules in auto-mechanics, electronics, welding, machine shop operations, refrigeration and air conditioning, sheet metal fabrication and high-speed sewing. PSFI provides scholarships in these trade areas where manpower is a shortage, as identified by the industry sector through annual consultative meetings. SKIL improves the scholars' chances of future employment and provides various industries highly capable and efficient workers and technicians.

Beyond helping upgrade skills, however, SKIL also offers values formation modules through its PLEAD Workshop (Personal Leadership Enhancement and Attitude Development). SKIL employs rigid selection criteria which includes written exams and interviews. Since the exams are patterned after the standards used by private businesses, they prepares the SKIL participants for the standards of future employers.

SKIL is implemented in partnership with the Technical Skills Development Authority, Don Bosco Technical Schools and other technical training institutions. To date, there are 3,734 SKIL scholars, many of whom are now gainfully employed or have started up their own businesses. Outstanding SKIL graduates have been recognized by prominent industrial companies like Toyota and Nissan, by prestigious bodies like the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation, and by SKIL's partner institute, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

Sanayan sa Kakayahang Agrikultura (SAKA)

SAKA is intended to encourage young people to invest their future in farming instead of flocking to the cities for employment

SAKA is an innovative agricultural skills training program for rural OSYs, designed to improve farm productivity and management. Launched in 1985, SAKA is designed for out-of-school youth from farming families who have small land holdings as owners or tenants. The program is intended to encourage young people to invest their future in farming instead of flocking to the cities for employment.

The program began as a two year course covering agricultural ventures like crop and animal production, aquaculture, agro-forestry technology, farm management, farm equipment maintenance, minor accounting, and communication skills.

Before the SAKA program evolved into what it is now, trainees were sent to a suitable agricultural institution specializing in either lowland or upland farming techniques, depending on which was relevant to the trainees' communities. While on training, SAKA scholars were given loans to start income-generating projects. Subsequently, they were exposed to realistic entrepreneurial activities. Graduates of the courses were given Diplomas in Agriculture Technology.

SAKA was later modified to allow scholars to return to their farms within one year after earning a Certificate in Agricultural Technology and Management.

Now, SAKA has become a one-year course on innovative farming technologies but with greater emphasis on marketing. The course is designed to encourage scholars to go back to farming. Graduates of this course are awarded Certificates in Farm Entrepreneurship.

The SAKA programme is undertaken in partnership with agricultural colleges and universities such as the Pampanga Agricultural College in Magalang, the Cavite State University in Indang, Benguet State University in La Trinidad, Benguet and the State Polytechnic College of Palawan in Aborlan.

Throughout its 20 years since its inception, SAKA boasts of 1,009 scholars.

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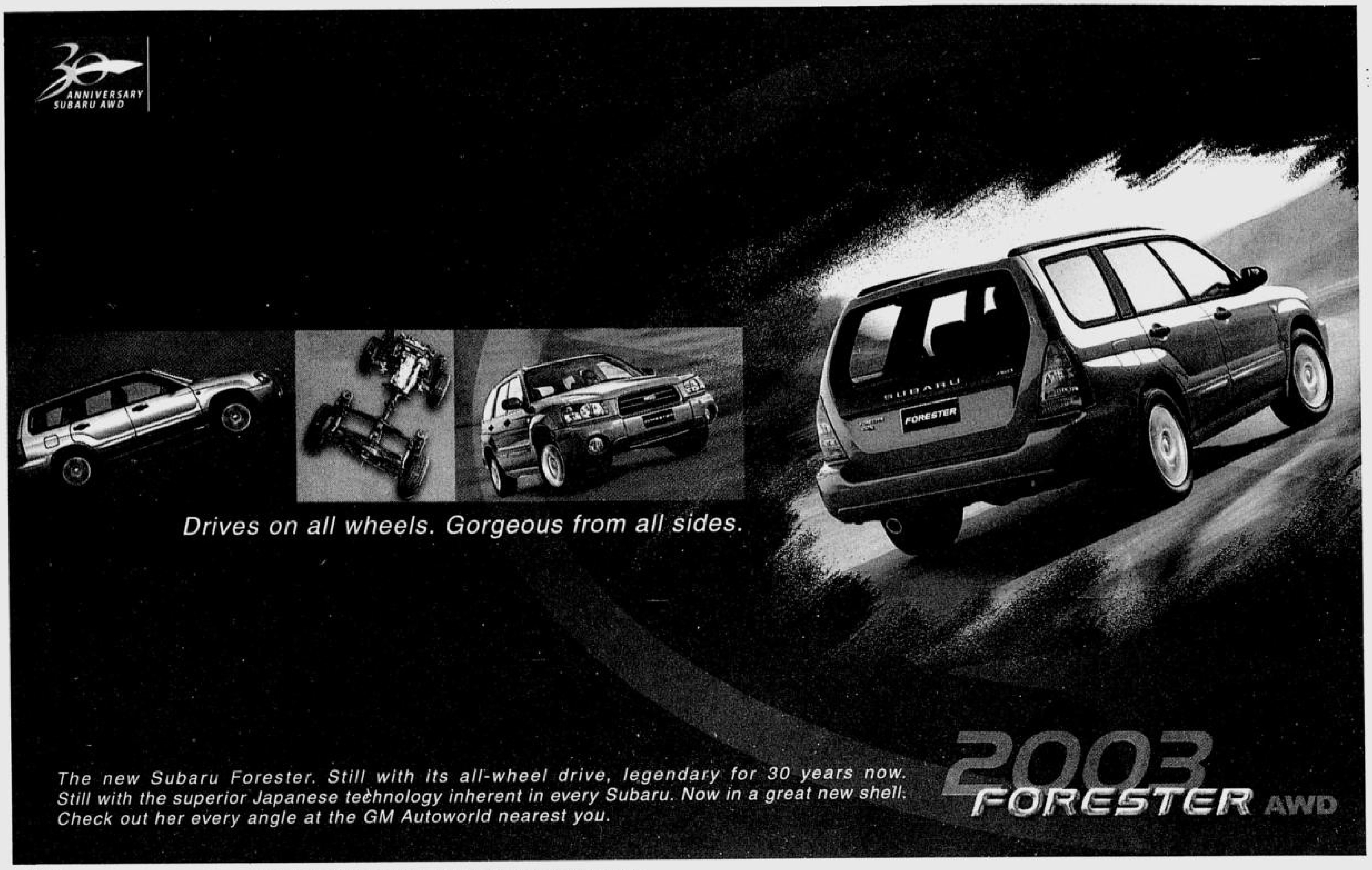
For these children, Malampaya will provide unparalleled revenues much needed by the Philippine government to build them a school, a hospital to take care of their family, business and road infrastructures that will help fast track the economic development of their community.

It is because of this commitment that Malampaya was awarded the **World Summit Business Award for Sustainable Development Partnerships** by the **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** and the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa. For Malampaya is not just about producing natural gas; it is about helping us meet our needs today without compromising our children's future.

PSFI's MISSION *Enabling the disadvantaged to become productive and responsible members of society*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The Shell Training Farms

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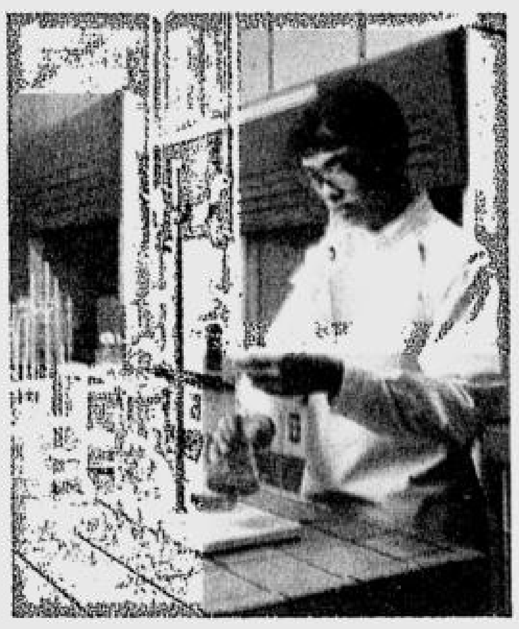
PSFI developed its first Shell Training Farm (STF) in 1986 at Murcia, Negros Occidental. The six-hectare parcel of land was donated by Doña Encarnacion dela Rama Vda. de Hernaez. At that time, displaced sugar workers in Negros were given alternative farming technologies to alleviate their lives from the then dying sugar industry.

At the Shell Training Farms, farmer-trainees attend a two-week seminar on Integrated Farming. The seminar involves a combination of hands-on training and lectures and discussions that focus on farming techniques which are relevant, simple and affordable. It includes training modules for farm planning, soil upland/lowland rice farming, corn production, backyard vegetable and herbal plants gardening, aquaculture, poultry, cattle fattening and swine raising, among others.

In 1991, PSFI in cooperation with United States Agency for International Development (USAID), established its second training farm in Barangay San Antonio, Bombon, Camarines Sur in a ten-hectare parcel of land. This is donated by Doña Rosario Sagarbarria Vda. de Roco with the vision of assisting farmers in the Bicol Region. The Bombon farm is also intended to address saline water intrusion which affects major rice-producing areas in Bicol. Through its training and farm development programs, PSFI has introduced rice varieties resistant to saline water.

In partnership with Benguet State University (BSU), the third Shell Training Farm (STF) was established in 1996 to assist farmers in the Cordilleras. STF-BSU focuses on high-value crops, particularly cutflower. The three Shell Training Farms have trained a total of 10,274 farmers, mostly agrarian reform beneficiaries, in partnership with the Department of Agrarian Reform.

Outstanding Junior Scientists (OJS)



THE OUTSTANDING Junior Scientist program, begun in 1985, aims to stir the Filipino youth's interest in science and technology.

At the core of the program is the Outstanding Junior Scientist Competition. This is a search for the most innovative projects in the fields of biology, chemistry or physics. It is open to all bonafide high school students from both public and private schools.

Every year, winners are chosen and sent to any of the three ASEAN science fairs: The Singapore Youth Science Fortnight in May, the Brunei Science Week in November and the Thailand Youth Science Week in December. This gives the fledgling scientists the chance to meet with their foreign counterparts as well as with senior members of the scientific community to discuss the implications of their scientific works on society.

The OJS is sponsored by PSFI in cooperation with the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. During its implementation from 1985 to 1995, the OJS program benefited 47 budding scientists.

Enterprise Development

PSFI's enterprise development scheme is concretized through the *Sanayan sa Kakayahang Pangangalakal* (SKP).

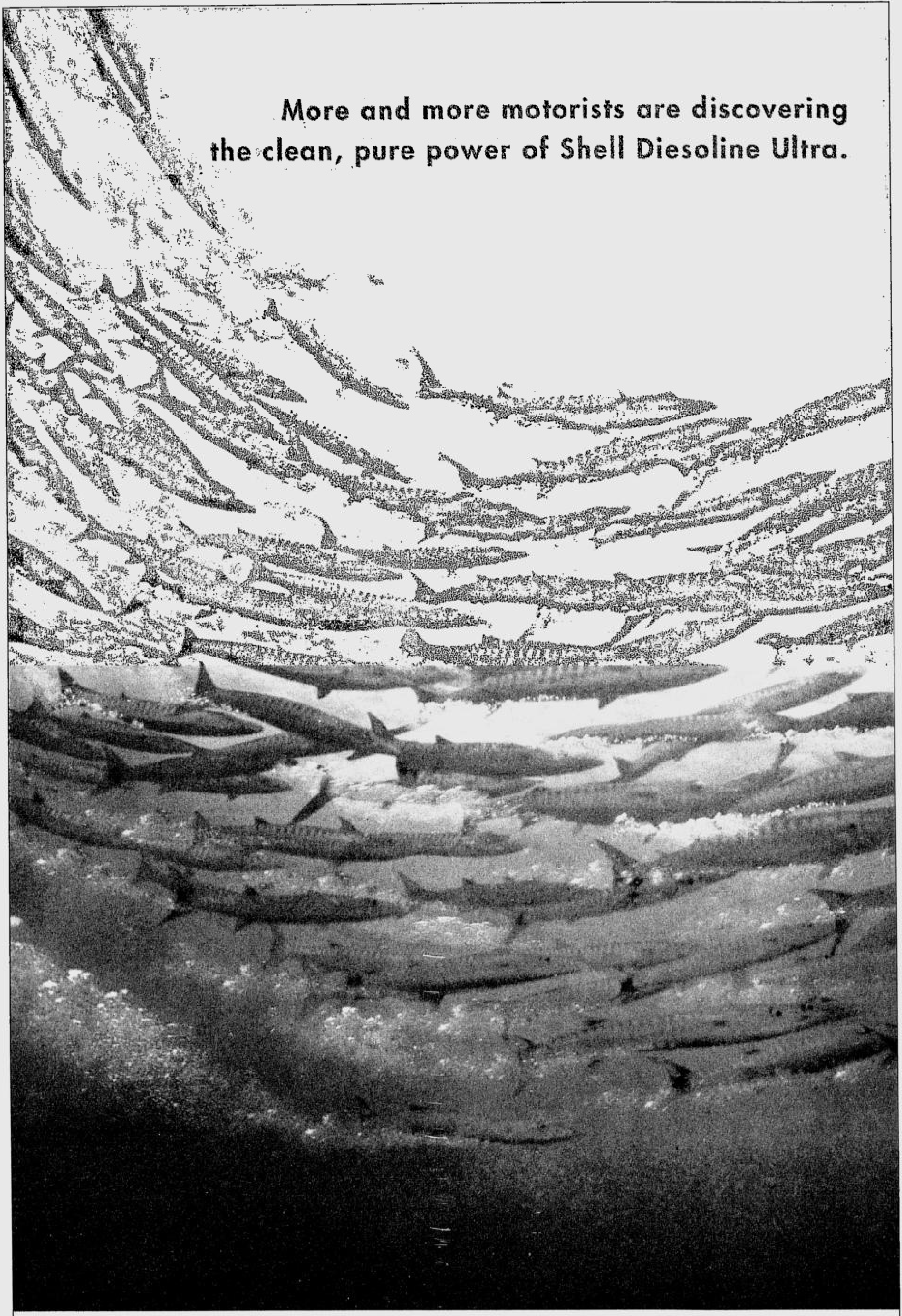
SKP was originally patterned after the Junior Achievers program for business students in colleges and universities in the Philippines. It consists of a five-day workshop on starting up, managing and sustaining a small-scale business. SKP adheres to the concept of delivering the basic principles on entrepreneurship. The dynamics on marketing, production and financing are best exemplified via enjoyable business games that simulate real enterprise activities. The games make participants energetic and involved, insightful and immersed in the complex world of a real entrepreneur. Learnings from the games can be easily interpreted in factual situations as the participant finishes the workshop to start a business, or to motivate others to embrace the life of a business person.

At the end of the formal workshop, participants are expected to present a complete business plan including a capital formation program, organize a small business entity, and defend their plan before a panel of businesspersons. The beneficiaries are then guided over a period of time with the assistance of volunteer local businesspersons in their startup operations. At the end of the period, win or lose, the beneficiaries 'graduate' from the SKP program.

There are now 1,065 beneficiaries who have trained under the SKP program.

Science Scholarships for Teachers

In the late 80s, the Philippines began to experience a serious shortage of high school teachers qualified to teach science and mathematics. In answer to the government's call, PSFI launched the Science Scholarships for Teachers. This program called for the beneficiaries to return to their hometowns and teach there for at least two years after graduation. A proof of success of this program is Ms. Maville Alastre, a PSFI science teacher scholar who topped the 1995 Teachers Board. In partnership with Philippine Normal University, PSFI has succeeded in alleviating the lack of science and math high school teachers in the country.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PSFI and the Sustainable Development Programme of Malampaya and Shell Worksites

PSFI's thrust towards sustainable development is evident in all its programmes and projects, particularly in support of the Malampaya Deep Water Gas to Power Project. Through PSFI, Malampaya Sustainable Development Programme (recipient of the World Summit Business Award for Sustainable Development) is consistent with the business activities and the commitment to holistic development of its operator, the Shell Philippine's Exploration B.V. (SPEX).

PSFI carries out community development projects that cover the following:

Sitio Agusuhin in Subic is the site of the Concrete Gravity Structure, a fundamental aspect of the Malampaya Natural Gas-to-Power Project. Its corresponding Sitio Agusuhin Development Programme (SADP) provides marginalized community across the prosperous Central Business District of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone with improved education and health care.

Its Livelihood and Enterprise Development component focused on micro-lending activities through a Consumer Cooperative Store, a Community-based Forest Management project, and an Aqua-Culture Development Project. Five community associations and one cooperative have been formed under the Organization Development and Capability Building programs. The elementary teacher's quarters, playground, community center, chapel and high school building were rehabilitated; thus widening access by the community to basic services. Through the Education and Human Resource Development component, 48 individuals are now studying in the formal school system while 42 are SKIL scholars.

One of the features of the program under the Environmental Protection and Stewardship component is the Bat Habitat Restoration Project, a 20-hectare land planted with 20,270 fruit-bearing trees which now serve as feeding area for endangered bats. SADP is implemented in partnership with the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

In Batangas where five barangays surround the Malampaya on-shore gas plant, known collectively as TALIM (for Tabangao, Ambulong, Libjo, San Isidro and Malitam), PSFI has been implementing the Social Development Programme for TALIM in partnership with the local government Batangas which focuses on social and livelihood projects, community health insurance program, sanitation improvement and provision of a potable water system. The Livelihood and Enterprise Development component adopted the Suporta sa Buhay program (SUHAY), a micro-credit financing with the existing TALIM cooperatives as conduits. Prospective beneficiaries of the SUHAY go through the SKP entrepreneurial training to develop their business plans as a prerequisite to availing of the loans.

One of its successful projects is the Job Link programme, benchmarked by the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) as a best practice. Joblink systematizes the matching of available manpower skills with existing job opportunities while giving priority to host communities. Major components of the programme include a thorough skills inventory, conduct of work and safety orientation and creation of a Job Link committee composed of the local government and industry partners that meet regularly to resolve employment-related issues. Job Link accesses jobs to more than 2,000 skilled workers in TALIM and neighboring communities.

Another innovative project is the Community Skills Training and Accreditation Programme (COSTAPRO), a technical skills training and accreditation programme for poor and deserving high school drop-outs which not only provides employable skills to scholars but also prepares them for accreditation to secondary education.

In Oriental Mindoro, SPEX through PSFI, partnered with the provincial government and established a fund for Sustainable Development projects. Among the projects that are supported are those in aquaculture, garment manufacturing, coastal resource management, agricultural technology and entrepreneurship training, hog raising, grouper farming, and a training-demonstration centre building.

KILUSAN LIGTAS MALARIA

In Palawan, SPEX funded *KIlusang Ligtas Malaria* (KLM) Program.The program encourages people to get involved in the task of eradicating the scourge of Palawan. By raising the capacity of the communities to help fight malaria, PSFI in partnership with the provincial government of Palawan, conducts activities such as training barangay microscopists for early detection of malaria, formation of technical working groups to develop the barangay malaria control plan, and blood smearing campaigns. To date, 122,37.7 people all over the province have benefited through education campaigns and community prevention activities.

Outside of the Malampaya project, PSFI carries out community relations programmes in Pandacan, Manila where the Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC) Installation is located. The Expanded Pandacan Community Assistance Programme (EPCAP) began in 1999 with the client communities as partners in implementing the programs.

Through EPCAP, Pandacan communities benefit from SUHAY soft loans for

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PSFI is at the forefront of implementing community development programmes surrounding various installations of the Malampaya project

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small businesses. Micro-entrepreneurs from the communities have availed of loans ranging from P1,000 to P8,000 per project. A consumer store is also established by the multi-purpose cooperative formed in area. Capability building interventions for cooperatives and local leaders are also in place.

The Triple B Program or *Bawas Basura sa Barangay* has succeeded in getting the barangays to reduce their wastes through segregation. The Materials Recovery Center established in Pandacan has generated income for community project workers directly benefiting from the project.

Onwards to another 20 Years and More

THESE EFFORTS illustrate how the PSFI has evolved into more than just a social investment arm of the Shell companies in the Philippines, but a catalyst that enables the disadvantaged to become productive and responsible members of society. Carrying on our operations with the guiding principles of corporate social responsibility, Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. will continue to touch lives in the areas of its reach.

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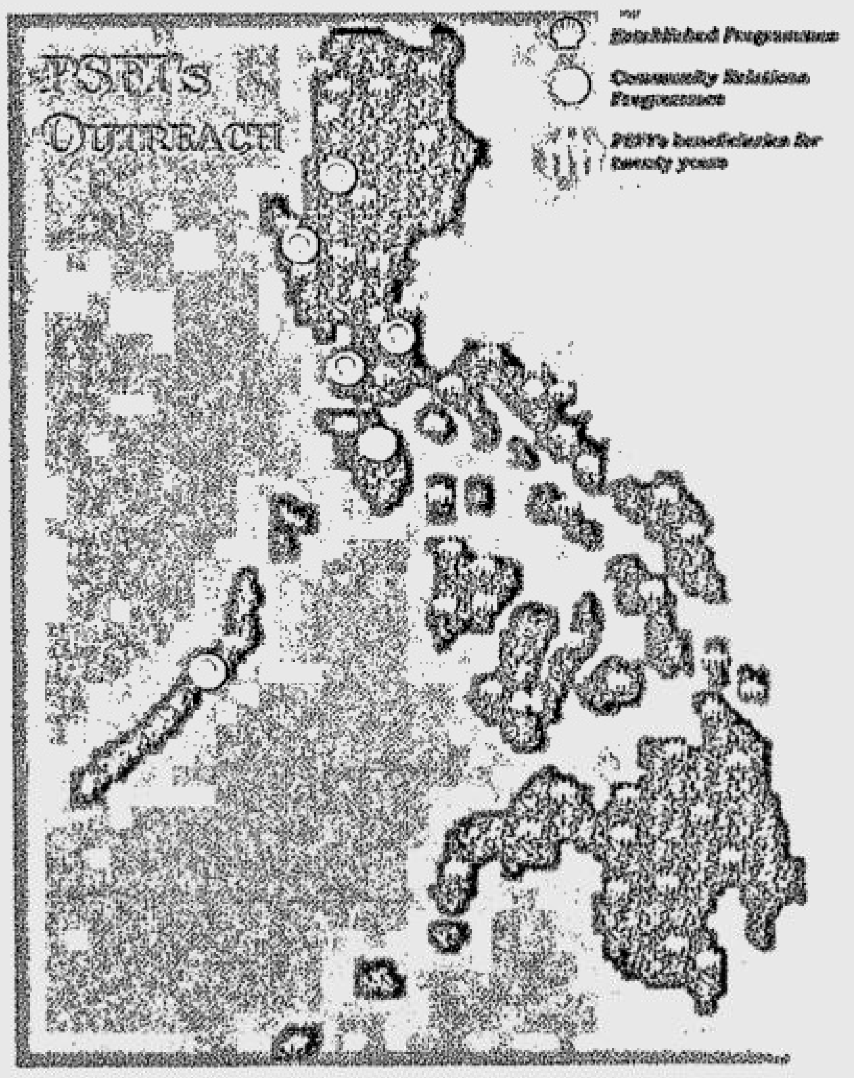
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Malampaya Sustainable Development Program earns international award for sustainable development

THE MALAMPAYA Sustainable Development Program, being implemented by the Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) recently won the World Summit Business Award for Sustainable Development Partnerships, given by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The award was handed over during a special ceremony at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, Africa in August.

Ten companies were chosen from more than 120 entries spanning 37 countries worldwide. This year's winning entrants covered the range of various industrial activities, including farming of organic cotton, sustainable forestry practices, natural gas extraction, and recycling programs.

The World Summit Business Award recognized the sustainable development programme of the Malampaya Deep Water Gas to Power Project, operated by Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. (SPEX) in partnership with Chevron-Texaco and Philippine National Oil Company Exploration Corporation. The award was given in recognition of SPEX"s program for natural gas development in the Philippines using a Sustainable Development Management Framework. This approach ensured the economic, environmental and social acceptability of a new, large-scale industrial development. Through partnerships with government, local communities, local and interneational NGOs, as well as the civil society, the Sustainable Development Program of Malampaya can be fully realized.

In this light, PSFI has been at the forefront in implementing sustainable development projects in areas where various Malampaya structures are established and operating. These projects include activities in community development, capability-building, livelihood and jobs generation, youth empowerment, health and safety, and environment, among others.

ICC is the primary world business organization, the largest private sector association in the world. UNEP is the environment agency of the United Nations. The World Summit Business Awards for Sustainable Development Partnerships aim to bring recognition to effective multi-stakeholder partnerships, which have been designed to pursue and achieve sustainable development.

The Awards highlight concrete actions taken by business organizations in partnership with other stakeholders for sustainable development. The Awards therefore support the World Summit on Sustainable Development, in particular the preparations by the Business Action for Sustainable Development network, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Global Compact of the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

FROM left: Richard Holme (Chair, International Selection Panel and Vice Chair, Business Action for Sustainable Development); Klaus Topfer (UNEP Executive Director); Sec. Heherson T. Alvarez (Department of Environment and Natural Resources); Facundo S. Roco (Deputy Managing Director, Shell Philippines Exploration B.V.); Richard D. McCormick (ICC President)

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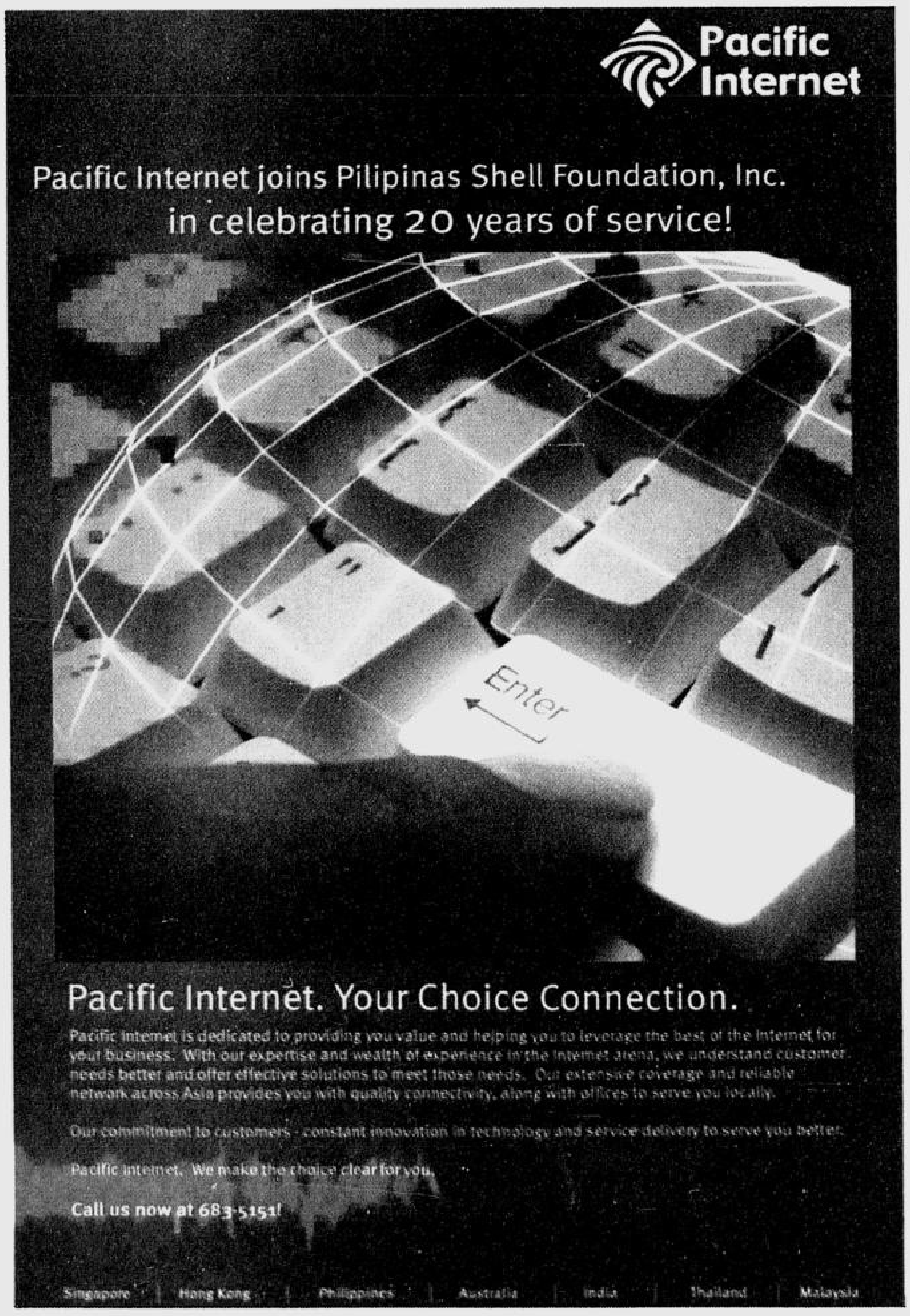
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SMART Thanks Joyce for Being Gamely *Hunted*

At a simple yet festive dinner held at SanMig El Pueblo, SMART expressed its appreciation to moviestar Joyce Jimenez for her support to the recent "Hunting Joyce" promo. Lucky winners got to pose for pictures with their idol and to join her in a special intimate dinner on this memorable night.

Every SMART winner had to answer three daily questions about places where Joyce would be in given situations. Correct answers earned points towards Swatches in the weekly draws, and then on to guessing where she would have been for her birthday bash. Those correct answers in turn qualified them for the grand draw. The prize: to join her for this special dinner. Judging from the smiles on their faces, it was a night they were not going to forget.

Clearly, every lucky winner couldn't help coming out of the dinner party infected with Joyce's disarmingly warm smile. Ever charming and endearing, Joyce has acquired icon status, while most notably doing so in a refreshingly humble and sweet style. We wish her continued success as her career elevates and evolves. This is one beautiful and surprisingly intelligent lady star.

Proud to be part of the SMART family, Joyce is also quite the techie. Asked to confirm this, she replies that she likes the developments in cellphone and computer technology. "SMART is so updated and advanced with the emerging technology," she says with perfectly smiling teeth, "galing nga kasi it's exciting where it can go." She lives on the SMART Gold ROAMing, feature, being a world-class traveller to such far flung locales as France, Italy, Spain as well as the Far East: Thailand, Malaysia, and Japan. "SMART works all over," she explains, "and I like to try everything that MMS has. I've tried Traffic Shots, CardToons, the animated stuff, as well as SMART ZED and Games."

Vince Ambrosetti to heal Manila with his music

IN A world dominated by pop music, where young listeners comprise the majority, it is seldom that gospel music is appreciated. Even the not-so-young crowd would opt to hear their favorite crooners like Frank Sinatra or Tony Bennett. Rarely would they purchase albums of gospel singers. Gospel music seems to have created the impression that it is too high and lofty—unreachable by ordinary mortals.

Vince Ambrosetti's music and style is a rare exception. While it may be overflowing with spirituality, the music is very down to earth, and it reaches the core of one's heart. It is the type that transcends biases, prejudices, age, and even religious affiliations. It is universal in its appeal, its melody pleasant and soothing to the ears, its lyrics powerful and pregnant with meaning.

On Nov. 16, Vince Ambrosetti, the first Catholic evangelist/gospel singer, is coming to Manila for a special praise and worship concert titled "Healing the Family". The concert is in celebration of Buklod ng Pag-Ibig Healing Ministry's 30th anniversary and will be held at the Araneta Coliseum starting 7 p.m.

Vince's unique blending of mission tours coupled with powerful, practical teachings, ministry appreciation and musical concerts have drawn people to come together to experience the presence of God.

Vince was honored to have performed for Pope John Paul II in 1988 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. In the first English mass ever held at the Vatican commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, Vince captured people's hearts with his own composition of "People of Glory".

He was also invited to sing during the funeral mass of the late Mother Teresa in 1997. His music had so much passion and fervor that men and women alike were deeply touched by the message.

Vince received seven awards in the most recent United Catholic Music and Video Association (UCMVA) ceremony. Among these was Artist of the Year. Says Vince, with all humility, "I was honored to receive these awards, especially with so many other wonderful and talented fellow artists nominated. It is a great encouragement for me to continue on." Some of Ambrosetti's hit albums are "Come and Gather", "Sanctuary", "I Will Sing", and "With an Everlasting Love". He has recently released "Blest We Are", a children's series in CDs and cassettes.

The Vince Ambrosetti Ministries had its roots back in Oct. 4, 1977 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. Many lives have been changed through this powerful ministry since.

"As long as there are people who continue to hunger for that healing touch from God, we will continue to serve them with music that will heal their heart and soul," Vince adds.

HERWAY CALENDAR GIRL 2003

Herway Inc. celebrates its 20th anniversary with its recognition night and national grand finals of the Herway Calendar Girl 2003 held at the Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel. Herway Inc. president and CEO Alex K. Tan is shown with this year's winners, from left, Herway Luzon Sharon Kae Rotone, 1st runner-up Jasmin Onate, Herway Calendar Girl 2003 Hannah Jacqui Alpuerto, Herway Visayas Rosemarie Cepida and Herway Mindanao Marigold Empamano. Herway Inc. has 24 branches nationwide to help bring out the beauty in the Filipina.

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MORE and more people are discovering the Kitaro Sushi party tray, the healthy alternative to the high fat content of regular food at family and friends' special gatherings.

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ASSUMPTION'S YOUNG PRO AWARDEE

Charito Cruz Francisco of Assumption Antipolo was chosen as a young professional awardee by the Organization for Peace and Progressive Oriented Group Inc. in the 2002 Dangal ng Pilipinas Annual Awards Oct. 19. Friends from Assumption Antipolo extend their warmest congratulations.

Cooking studio opens in Alabang

COOKING Basics, a first-of-its-kind culinary studio for beginners and experts alike, will be launched with an open house from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Nov. 10 at the ground floor of the Vivere Suites of the Filinvest Corporate City in Alabang. Organized by a team of professional and talented amateur cooks who have received training here and abroad, the staff of Cooking Basics has successfully conducted private cooking classes for individuals and select groups in Manila and the expatriate community of Subic. At Cooking Basics Studio, students are not expected to just sit and watch. Limited to 20 to a class—all will learn through hands-on sessions that guarantee each student's maximum participation and appreciation of the cooking experience. For further inquiries, call Stefi Reyes at 807-1178, or e-mail cookingbasics@pacific.net.ph.

BITS Clips

LSGH HS '78 sponsors 'Pippin'

THE LA Salle Green Hills high school batch 1978 announces that it is sponsoring CUE Drama Club's staging of "Pippin" today, Nov. 10, 4 p.m., at Teatro Aguinaldo, AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo. CUE Drama Club is the LSGH in-house theater group, which aims to promote theater consciousness among high school students. "Pippin," is a follow-up to CUE's successful staging of "West Side Story" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The Broadway musicale is directed by Virginia Natividad, with choreography by Jordan Punzalan and stars Pinggoy Mendoza as Pippin, Kevin Atendido as Louis, Ayjay Alamario and Mickey Ascalon alternating as Charlemagne, Gabby Laurel as the narrator and with the special participation of students from Poveda Learning Center and St. Paul's Pasig. Tickets are available at the theater gate.

SJMHS Silver Jubilee

BATCH '77 graduates of the San Juan Municipal High School are invited to the grand reunion (Silver Jubilee) "Balik...Muni...Tayo!!! D'Best Batch 77" on Nov. 16, Saturday, at 3 p.m. at the SJMHS Quadrangle. For inquiries, call Marita de Guzman-Adonis at 727-6285, Emily Tapar-Bautista at 277-6763, Carlyle Enriquez-Field at 677-6394, Weng Soberon-Reburiano at 665-3951, and Renita Palanca-Umali at 724-4891.

Jose Rizal High silver anniversary

THE CLASS of 1977 of Jose Rizal High School in Malabon will hold its Silver Anniversary on Nov. 30, 5 p.m. at the Sunray Restaurant, Gov. Pascual Avenue, Malabon City. Meetings will be held today, Nov. 10, and 24 at 3 p.m. in Elisa Esguerra compound (formerly (JRHS), Malabon City. For details and inquiries, call Dr. Henry de Leon, 447-6579, Lenny Quimson at 281-0563, Lilian Domingo at 281-4143 and Ruben Felipe at 931-4728.

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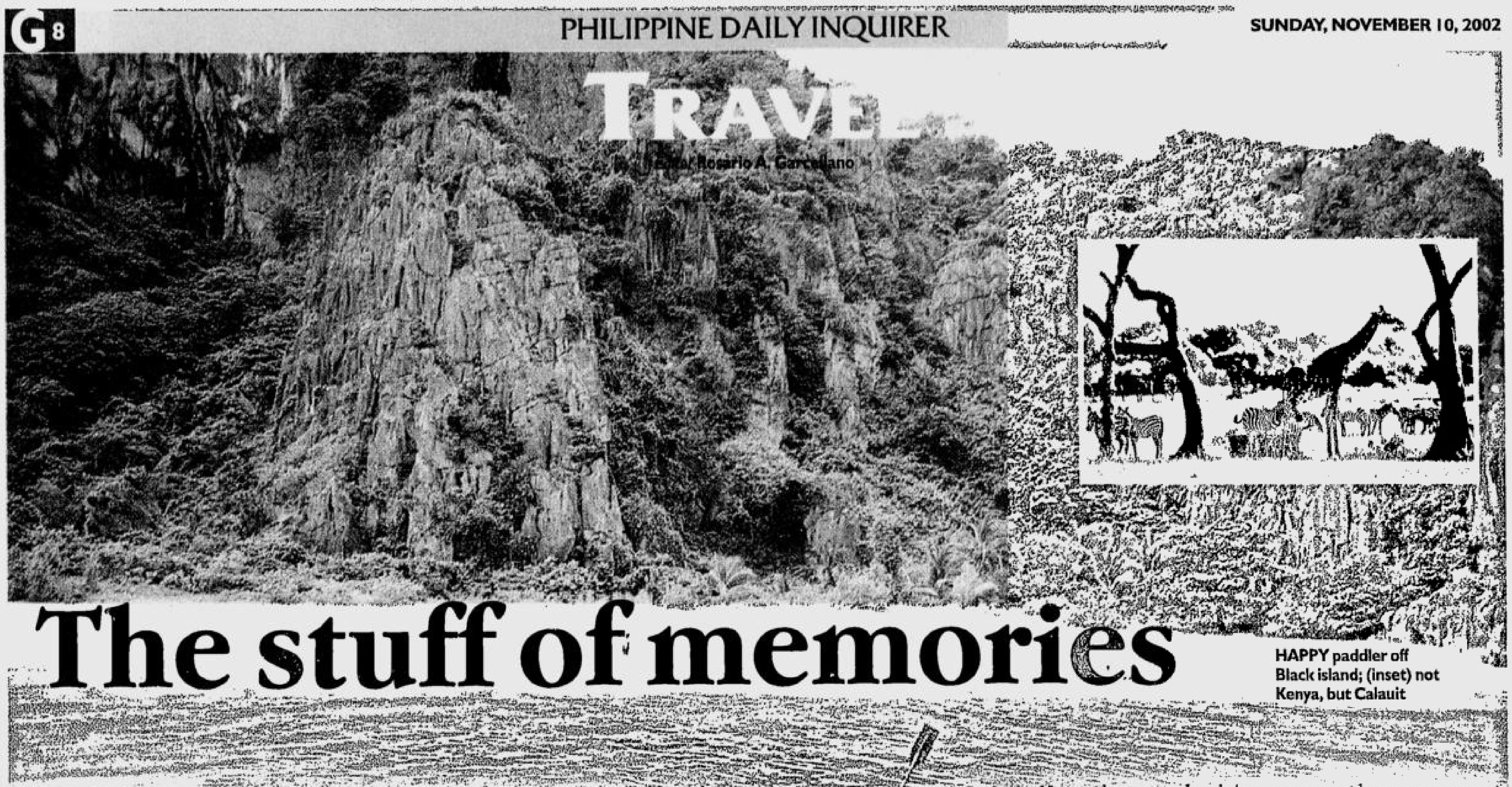

The stuff of memories

HAPPY paddler off Black island; (inset) not Kenya, but Calauit

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor
Photos by Mike Alquinto

ONE can never have a surfeit of Palawan. Paul Theroux, described by The Times of London as needing "no more than three or four strokes of his pen to complete the most vivid of pictures," earlier enthusiastically explored the place, its tributaries and land forms, despite the cautionary "Don't go" advice of well-meaning people.

Before the bombings, the country already enjoyed worldwide notoriety. In "Fresh-Air Fiend" Theroux wrote: "(T)he very mention of the Philippines brings to the narrow mind the images of dog-eaters and cockfights, urban blight and rural poverty; and Mrs. Marcos's ridiculous collection of shoes; where the visitor industry consisted mainly of sex tours and money launderers and decaying old white men looking for doe-eyed Filipinas to marry, or else willing catamites in Manila, and of course the furtive visits of European branches of Pedophiles sans Frontieres."

A cynical colleague said upon one's return from a weekend in Northern Palawan that no matter what good things one may write, the fact of the matter is that the bombings in Bali, Zamboanga City and Metro Manila have scared off even the most intrepid travelers.

Tell that to Theroux. For only in the Philippines did he have an encounter such as this one he narrated:

"One day I paddled about ten miles southwest to a headland and then caught sight of an island that had been hidden from where I had been camping. I paddled out three or four miles to this hump of rock and found a sandy beach and some huts. A Germanic-looking man in a green bathing suit stood on the beach to welcome me. He said 'Hi' and grabbed my bow line and helped pull my boat to shore.

"'Nice kayak,' he said. It was salt-smeared and wet from the long haul from the headland. 'Isn't that the kind of boat Paul Theroux paddled in his travels around the Pacific?'

"Being cautious, I said, 'You read that book?'

"'Oh, yeah. Great book.'

"This happens now and then—more often in a remote place like Palawan than in places closer to home.

"'I wrote it.'

"'Cut the shit.'"

Preliminaries

So now this Palawan visitor landed at Busuanga airport aboard Seair's 19-seat LET-410 plane that was built to withstand Siberian and Saharan winds. (This bit of info from Jingjing Romero of Stratos Inc., the media fam tour organizer, seemed to comfort the quivering types casting about for barf bags.)

Then one beheld an unnerving sight—a copy of an article on Coron one wrote two years ago for the Travel section of the INQUIRER, tacked on a wall of the tiny airport's arrival area and protected with a plastic sheet.

"She wrote it!" Jingjing declared to all and sundry, and the one who wrote it blushingly ducked her head and hid in the ladies' room.

The mid-afternoon drive afforded views of a privately owned ranch straddling either side of what to foreign eyes must be an exotically rough road. White egrets flew or clustered atop trees while cattle grazed on forlorn patches of green.

At the Coron pier we transferred to the pumpboat Busuanga Dream and met guide Robert Agusto, who would later prove to be a prince of multi-tasking. He recited his spiel about tourism, the pearl farms and fishing being the main means of livelihood in the northern part of the province, and the youth comprising 50 percent of the population.

The mobile-phone carriers sent good-night text messages to their adored ones. (Henceforth, they would be incommunicado for at least two nights and a day.) Midway through the ride (almost two hours) to Coral Bay Resort on Popototan Island, one realized that Metro Manila seemed a lifetime away.

Whichever way one turned, the horizon was there. The sky wore intense oranges and violets as dusk turned to eventide.

Jingjing managed to thaw the usually unsociable members of the media through an after-dinner group-dynamics exercise that involved revealing the secret dream of the partner assigned to you.

HERON on a hunt in Coral Bay

One's utmost wish of hitting 50 without a stroke was probably so pedestrian compared to one's neighbor's "dying on top of a bull running in the streets of Pamplona in Spain," another's "being a better flamenco dancer than Joaquin Cortez," still another's having Robert Redford—warts and all—for a lover and settling down in the south of France, etc. ("Whyever not!" the late Princess of Wales reportedly said to her prince as the throng below the royal balcony shouted, "Kiss, kiss!")

The exercise showed that hard-boiled journalists nourished a fantasy life of some sort. Where else to indulge it than on a remote island where the only rule agreed on was to keep identities off the record?

Animal watch

On Saturday we rose at 4 a.m., left the resort at 5, and tried to keep down the breakfast eaten on board the boat as it tossed in the open sea.

Froilan Sariego, resident project manager of the Calauit Game Preserve and Wildlife Sanctuary, gave sobering welcome remarks. The kidnappings a few years ago hit the tourism industry hard. But he belied talk that Northern Palawan was susceptible to the intrusions of extremists. "We're far from danger," he declared.

Froilan quoted visiting Englishmen as saying that the grazing areas of the exotic animals resembled the terrain of Kenya. Here giraffes (some named Yeye, Eva, Lemuel and Baleleng), zebras, water bucks, impalas and bushbacks are found. In 3,760-hectare Calauit, 40 percent is made up of plains, 20 percent undulating hills, and the rest, mangroves and swamps.

The moments in the field brought Isak Dinesen's words in a letter back to life: "...(T)hen the dreary bush gives way and the plain widens out; before one lie the great tablelands, surrounded by a magnificent panorama of blue mountains, teeming with game... The zebra are sweet, but they look like horses of course...a most wonderful sight is a herd of giraffe, and the first time you see them you can hardly believe your own eyes when you see their incredible height and slenderness, like a flock of great snakes with the most strange rocking movement."

The Calauit sanctuary is the first translocated project in Asia where the fauna are free to roam and propagate, and the second such project in the world next to the San Diego Zoo in the United States.

The formerly endangered Calamian deer, found only in Palawan, increased from 25 heads in 1976 to today's 1,025. "They multiply fast so long as they're not harmed," Froilan said. And 15 deer have been sent to San Diego at the zoo's request.

Mouse deer are also being raised. The adult, which weighs as much as two kilos, consumes a kilo of fig fruits every day.

According to Benito Sario of the sanctuary's information, education and recreation unit, a female mouse deer can give birth five times in two years and is ready to mate again after giving birth.

In a compartment, there are four to five females and one male. If all the females give birth simultaneously, the male is moved to another compartment and a new one introduced "to keep the blood strain strong."

The young are protected with an overhead net from the crested serpent eagle that preys on them. But in Balabac Island, Southern Palawan, where mouse deer can also be found, their numbers are being depleted by people who catch and serve them to guests as *kilawin* or *papaitan*!

Survival stories

The six-by-six viewing truck took us to the top of Balatbat Hill overlooking Tanubon, a turtle nesting island. Starting from the day the *pawikan* eggs hatch, predatory birds, snakes and monitor lizards are fenced off, Benito said.

The hatchlings are brought to a rearing pool after 60 days. When they reach the size of a plate, they are considered able enough to survive in the sea.

Thirteen sea cows (*dugong*) have been seen around Calauit, Benito said.

And this is Calauit's quandary: Will the government give the island back to its original inhabitants, the 256 families who were paid during Marcos' time to vacate their land and resettle in Culion, or will the project be maintained?

Because of the return of 120 families who are scattered all over the island and are unable to harness resources, except those in the sanctuary, for a living, poaching has become a problem.

"These people seem to want to wipe out the animals so that the government has no more reason to maintain the sanctuary," Froilan said.

He and wife Edwina, Benito and wife Nenita, Maximo Lobo-on, Ramon Ortega, Eliezer and Tessie Cruz, Estelito and Rose Hachero, Orland and Dinah Cruz and Rafael Gobayan have served the sanctuary for 26 years. But they still have no tenure and, worse, their pay is late by as much as three months.

At various periods the sanctuary has fallen under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Presidential Committee for the Conservation of the Tamaraw, Office of Muslim Affairs, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Resource Management Foundation, and now, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development.

Benito picked up the common thread in the field staff's story: "This was where we met and got to know one another, like the impala. This was where our children were born and raised, and now we have grandchildren. If the animals are endangered, so are we."

Al fresco

It was letting-go time at Malajon or Black Island—swimming, feasting on crabs and *adobo*, looking for coves perfect for couples fantasizing on doing a Burt Lancaster-Deborah Kerr roll in the sand ("From Here to Eternity").

The island has such a cove. Someone said, after appraising the limestone walls enclosing it, the fine sand with no human imprint, the waves lapping at the edge: "If you film on location here, people won't believe it's for real. They'll think it's still a set."

Despite the itinerary, we played it by ear the rest of our stay. The last evening at Coral Bay featured dining and wining under the stars with Robert switching easily from waiter to dancing-instructor mode.

Next stop: Busuanga Seadive Resort in Barangay 3, Coron, whose dining hall and veranda face the sea. Aboard the Seadive Blu, we moved on to Banul Island.

On the water in a kayak, one paddled madly when a passenger started to feel leg cramps. She managed to utter: "I want to die gored by a bull in Pamplona, not in a non-biodegradable rubber kayak!"

But one's paddling partner managed to correct her upon our reaching shore: "By the way, it's plastic."

Thus are memories made, said a wise man. It's not the place; it's still the people, and one yellow kayak drifting in and out of one's dreams.

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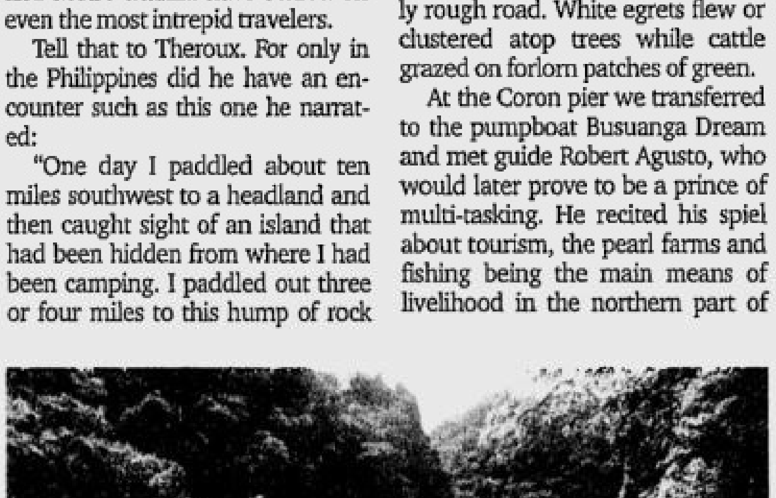

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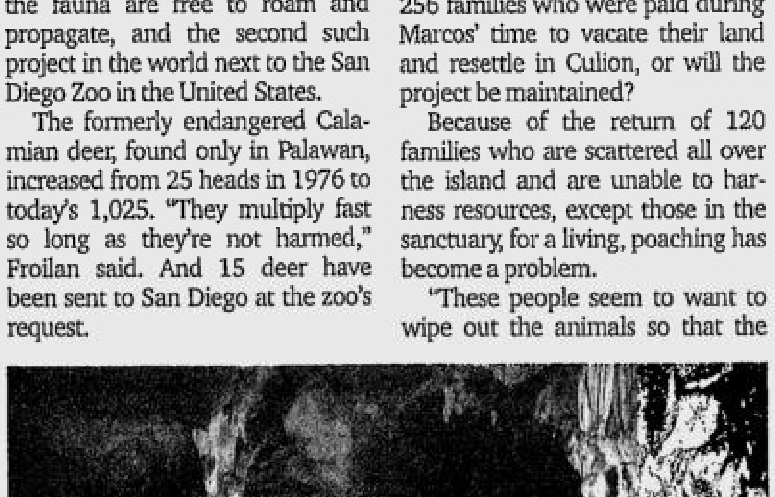

MYSTERY of limestone and sand

TRAVELBRIEFS

Tourist arrivals up

THE BUREAU of Immigration (BI) has reported an estimated 36.7-percent increase in arrivals at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport for the month of October, according to the Department of Tourism.

The DOT said, however, that the figure for the month of October (132,702 arrivals, up from 97,081 in October last year) represented only the Naia arrivals. It said a further increase was expected as soon as arrival data from the other international airports in the Philippines were accounted for.

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, who led the Philippine contingent in a two-week road show and sales mission in Japan and Korea to promote the Volunteer-12 program and the Visit Philippines 2003 campaign, said the increase indicated the resiliency of our tourism industry amid terrorist attacks.

"We assure travelers that the country continues to be safe and peaceful," he said. "All countries have their shares of crisis. What is important in our case is our resolve to fix the problems. Both the government and the local travel trade are undertaking heightened security and safety measures."

Gordon also said that with the Macapagal administration's efforts to push tourism as a major engine of socioeconomic development, every visitor to the country should be assured of security and safety measures.

The DOT also said BI data showed an increase of 4.36 percent in visitor arrivals for the last 10 months. It reported a total of 1,578,198 arrivals, compared to 1,512,145 for the same period last year.

CRIS solution

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Selection Criteria:

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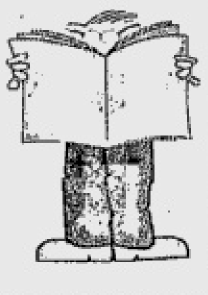

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HR director is a doctor of employees' souls

By Rochelle Leonor

HR FOCUS

SHE wanted to be a medical doctor. She ended up being a doctor of human resources. This is how Glecy Bagasin sees her destiny. She says her job is almost like being a doctor. She helps people, she gets consulted and she partners with them.

But this is not only what she does. As a director for the human resources group of Avon Cosmetics, Inc., she is in charge of a lot of things. She directly leads the HR and administrative services group in ensuring that the goals and objectives of the department are in place to support the overall strategic focus of the company. She also designs and implement HR programs that facilities the meeting the needs of the company and the employees.

Bagasin also makes sure that the right talents are available, as Avon needs them. "We track the career of our people," she says. "We develop and provide training programs for them because they are the future leaders of the company."

Holistic programs

And these programs are designed for the holistic development of their people. For the spiritual side, Avon holds First Friday Masses for its employees. For the mind, seminars and learning events are plenty. The company also offers scholarships in the Asian Institute of Management. For the social aspect, Avon has *Sigla*, which stands for "*Samasamang itaguyod at gampanan ang layunin ng* Avon." This is a team composed of managers and rank-and-file employees that hold outreach and fundraising programs every December. Bagasin says these programs help in maintaining the "can do" attitude of Avon people.

This has always been the attitude of Avon. "This stems from the fact that we are the leader in the industry," she says. Presently, Avon is number one in direct selling in the country. It is also number one in Asia, and number six around the world. "Our 'can do' attitude reinforces us. Everybody pitches in and is willing to help each other." And this means complacency is a no-no. Bagasin says Avon continuously raise its performance to remain in the lead.

Passion

But even with much pressure, Bagasin states that she enjoys what she is doing. Since it has always been her ambition to help people, being in HR fulfills this dream. She says she likes the fact that Avon people are passionate about their jobs. "I also appreciate the opportunities that enable me to attend local and international conferences for my career development," she says.

Although she has always dreamt of becoming a doctor, she opted to take a business course in college. Coming from a family of nine, taking up medicine would put a dent to her family's resources.

Previous work

After graduating from the University of the Philippines, she worked as a branch secretary for Soliven Realty. It was her first exposure to the corporate life, in selling and office management. When she moved to Squibb a few years later, she was named assistant manager to establish the human resources department of the company. Eventually, she was promoted to HR director. "It was Squibb which developed me in human resource management," Bagasin says.

But she took a break from work when her husband was sent to foreign school. For two years, she was a full-time housewife, taking care of her husband and four children while in Kansas. When the family returned to the country, Merck Inc., hired her as HR director. Then, she moved to Avon, where she has been working for the last five years.

She says her previous jobs taught her a lot of things. "You are as good as the people you work with," Bagasin states. "Since we are all part of a link, we need to harness the strengths of each and everyone to make an excellent team. We need to constantly develop and learn."

BAGASIN

What are you meant to do?

By Joel Garfinkle

YOU know who you are. You face each week with a growing dread, knowing you must return to a job you do not like, doing work that does not interest you and does not allow you to use the talents you've developed. It doesn't have to be that way and you can begin to recognize alternatives that exist.

If you sense that something is missing in your life, realize that you are not alone. Statistics say that many people are unhappy in their jobs. Each day they go to work not quite sure what they do want but absolutely certain that this isn't it. Do you feel restless, eager for some change, something more fulfilling and exciting that could stimulate your mind, your soul?

Gifts within the heart

Subconsciously, you search for a way to express those gifts that come from within your heart, something that will have meaning to you. You search for work that lets you feel you've made a difference in the world. Gandhi needed to lead his country into freedom, Mother Teresa needed to heal the sick and comfort the dying, and Picasso needed to paint.

Until you realize what you need to do, you will forever travel on your journey of self-discovery. Remember Abraham Maslow said, "A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write, if he is to be ultimately at peace with himself."

Uniquely special

The task is to recognize that you are uniquely special, have something to give, some talent no one else shares in quite the same way. This gift needs to blossom so we can appreciate and enjoy the benefits of it and acknowledge you for it. You owe this to yourself and to all of us to honor your gifts, for only when you share your unique joy with the world does the entire world benefit.

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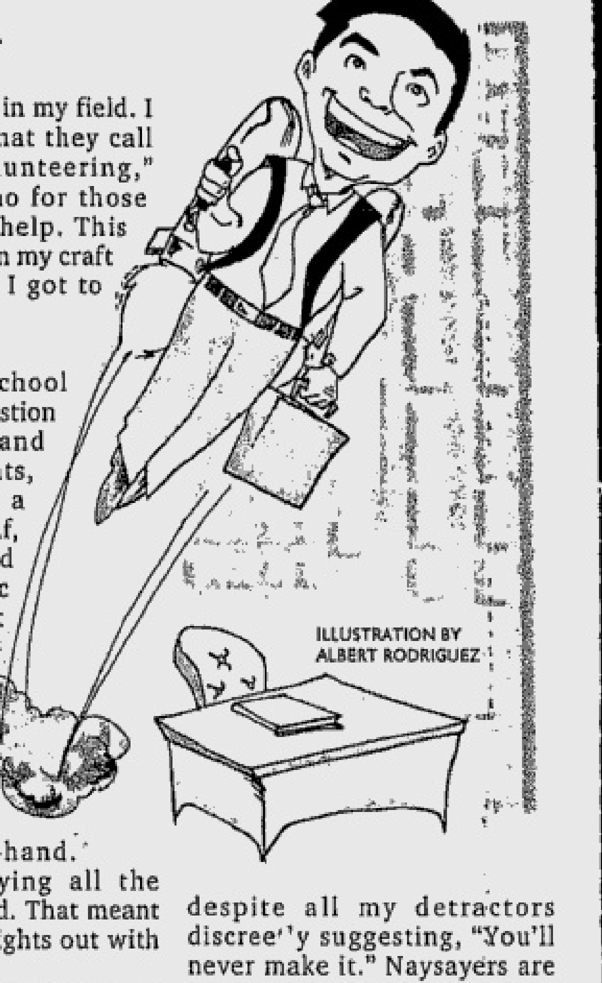

ILLUSTRATION BY ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

PERSONAL and professional advancement are not things you assume your employer will take care of. Despite all those glittering generalities about human resource being the true wealth of corporations, the fact remains that advancement is a responsibility of no one else but yourself.

Years ago, I made the mistake of working silently on my assigned task hopeful that opportunities would come my way sooner or later, that the boss would find ways to help me advance in life, that the company would be broad-minded and forward-looking enough to sponsor me through my years of service. It was too late before I noticed that all I did was wait, get old and get stuck. Worried that I would die a bachelor without any accomplishment to my name, I got out of my way to find and jump at opportunities.

Opportunity

In the process, I learned that a golden opportunity may knock on the door like a friendly Electrolux man but it is rarely served on a silver platter. When you don't find growth in your company, you should get out, jump ship and develop a new, re-packaged you.

This was what I did—I changed departments when providence hurled the opportunity my way. It didn't take long before the new department became a startup company, where I would become one of its supervisors. In no time at all, I was starting afresh, but not exactly back to square one.

However, in the new organization, now a full-blown subsidiary company, I got a specialized job, one that had zero competitors. That was good, except that, even if I tried to do my best in my specialty, stasis began. There was no motivation to better oneself because essentially, the position was a dead-end.

Phobia

I am the type who will always feel uneasy in the same type of job for a long period of time; I have a phobia for cul-de-sacs and only fondness and affection for steep ladders. I constantly need to find ways for growth, to be updated on the goings-on in rest of the world. My horse sense for danger made me foresee another ship sinking, so there I was again, jumping ship, swimming to the shore, going over to the proverbial greener pastures. , What I did next was a major soul-searching. I had to clarify my personal goals. I had to storm heaven with prayers, for God to guide me in discerning what my purpose in life was—over the short- and long-term.

With that personal intimation serving as anchor, there was no stopping my drive to accomplish my goals. I set into motion concrete steps for the uphill climb. No doubt the climb required substantial weight-reduction - some sacrifice here, a little compromise there. So I began to allocate time, money and resources to start the ball rolling and hopefully for the ball to gain steady momentum. I squeezed time to read the latest that I could in my field. I also practiced what they call "strategic volunteering," working pro bono for those who needed my help. This way, I got honed in my craft by force even as I got to help others.

School

Enrolling in school was out of the question due to time and budget constraints, so I developed a syllabus for myself, to be accomplished within a specific time period. What was important was I learned something new and I could apply them to the real world first-hand. That meant buying all the materials I needed. That meant giving up some nights out with friends.

One by one, I managed to accomplish the little goals I had set for myself. And now, I have no reason left not to use these latest add-ons to my CV as stepping stone for the one career I've chosen, or felt was for me.

Falling into place

What's even more fortunate is that other things fell into place as well. My immediate superior and colleagues understood that this was what I wanted in life and gave me their support. They didn't resent it and didn't count it against me when I couldn't do overtime work. Other friends backed me up with important material support, in addition to the essentially "moral" one.

With the timely blessings of tangible results, I have proven to myself that I can do it, despite all my detractors discree'ly suggesting, "You'll never make it." Naysayers are a part of the adventure, a necessary evil, which makes the risk painful. But the end result becomes more thrilling at the same time, although you tend to ask why the reward only comes in the end.

While I can't boast of tremendous success as of today, I was certainly successful in freeing myself up from unwitting corporate imprisonment and professional stagnation, not to mention the prospect of being a corporate hermit. I certainly became more valuable to my organization (without the organization actively spending a centavo for it), less prone to the inimical realities of job attrition, and more marketable in the outside world.

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MARKETING BRAND 'YOU'

Use the 'color code' to pass your job interview with flying colors

By Regina Galang Reyes

(This is the fourth installment of the article, "Make brand 'you' a hit in the job market.")

INTERVIEWS are the last hurdles in job hunting. Your performance in interviews determines whether you get hired or not. Like resumé preparation, it is important to get the attention, interest and desire or AID of the interviewer. Once you do, you are sure to land your dream job.

Professional image

Projecting a professional image when you go to your interview appointment will get the attention of the interviewer. The image can be "cultivated" by good grooming and the fail-safe formula of good manners and right conduct.

Dressing well for the interview usually means you have to be in business attire, especially when you are applying for an office-based job. For men, this means wearing newly-shined leather shoes, dark trousers and a long sleeved shirt with a necktie. Men should use outfits in muted and dark colors and avoid wearing flashy colors (like an orange shirt) or out of the ordinary designs (like a Mickey Mouse necktie). Their hair should be properly combed back (not sticking out like what is fashionable nowadays) and nails should be cut close and clean. Avoid wearing heavy jewelry (you might look like a tax collector); a wristwatch should do.

However, if you are applying for a manual job in a manufacturing facility, long sleeves and a necktie may sometimes not be appropriate. An alternative could be a solid colored T-shirt with a collar and dark trousers (denims are still not acceptable).

Women's attire

For women, good grooming means wearing a skirt (with a hem that's not too long or too short) or slacks (but not denims), a blouse and a long-sleeved coat. Usually, the skirt or slacks and coat are in solid colors while the blouse may be printed in a complimentary color. Women can use a combination of dark or muted colors with some bright ones. Closed and low-heeled pumps are the appropriate shoes to wear. Light make-up is advisable, especially lipstick. Women can wear jewelry like small earrings, a wristwatch, a ring on each hand (but these should not be too big), and a thin necklace. Don't wear flashy or chunky jewelry or too much jewelry.

Again, if you are applying for a skilled job in a factory that does not require businesslike attire, an alternative can be a short-sleeved blouse and skirt or slacks and you can let go of the coat.

Image handlers

To aid you in good grooming, consult professional image handlers who can advise you on how to use "color analysis" to determine what colors flatter your skin tone best. Or if you don't know one, research on this from various publications and sources.

Of course, good grooming will come to naught if you don't have good manners and right conduct as well. It might be silly to suggest but a review of your elementary books on good manners and right conduct would be worthwhile. You would be surprised that many of the things taught in elementary form the foundation of good interpersonal relations but which are not practiced by many professionals. Respect and courtesy go a long way in establishing a good image and impression.

Psychology

Aside from your image, it is also worthwhile to bring a little knowledge of psychology to the interview. Research has shown that interviewers usually hire people who have personalities and exhibit behavior that are close or complementary to their own.

When people feel comfortable with each other at first meeting, they have what is known as "rapport." Rapport is easily developed between people of similar or complimentary personalities. People who are "likeable" actually have a knack for adjusting their behavior to suit the personalities and behavior of the people they meet. This is often done unconsciously or instinctively but students of human behavior know that good interpersonal skills can be learned.

Personality types

How can you acquire this skill? The first step is to know what is your personality type. There are many facets to personalities and tests have been developed to identify common personality traits that make up a "personality type." Then, familiarize yourself with the other personality types and learn how to recognize these types though the behavior exhibited by the persons you meet. A study of the various personality types will give you an indication on how you can change your behavior (not personality) to suit the various personality types.

Check the Internet for personality tests you can take. Or you can read "The Color Code," by Dr. Taylor Hartmann (Scribner, 1988). The "color code" is the latest personality assessment tool that is used to identify and classify various personality types. Instead of the usual technical jargon, Dr. Hartmann named the major personality types using colors. He classified the four major personality types into blue, red, white and yellow. His book offers a questionnaire that will enable you to determine what personality color you have. The features, motivation, strengths and weaknesses of each personality color are described. He also has a guide on how one can relate well with the different personality colors.

Using the color code

Applying the color code during the interview, try to analyze what is your interviewer's personality type. Then, adjust your behavior accordingly. For example, according to Dr. Hartmann, "red" personalities are straightforward people. Thus, when you present something to them, you must be direct to the point and businesslike. If your interviewer is a "red" personality, make sure you answer clearly and concisely each question and not divert from the topic at hand.

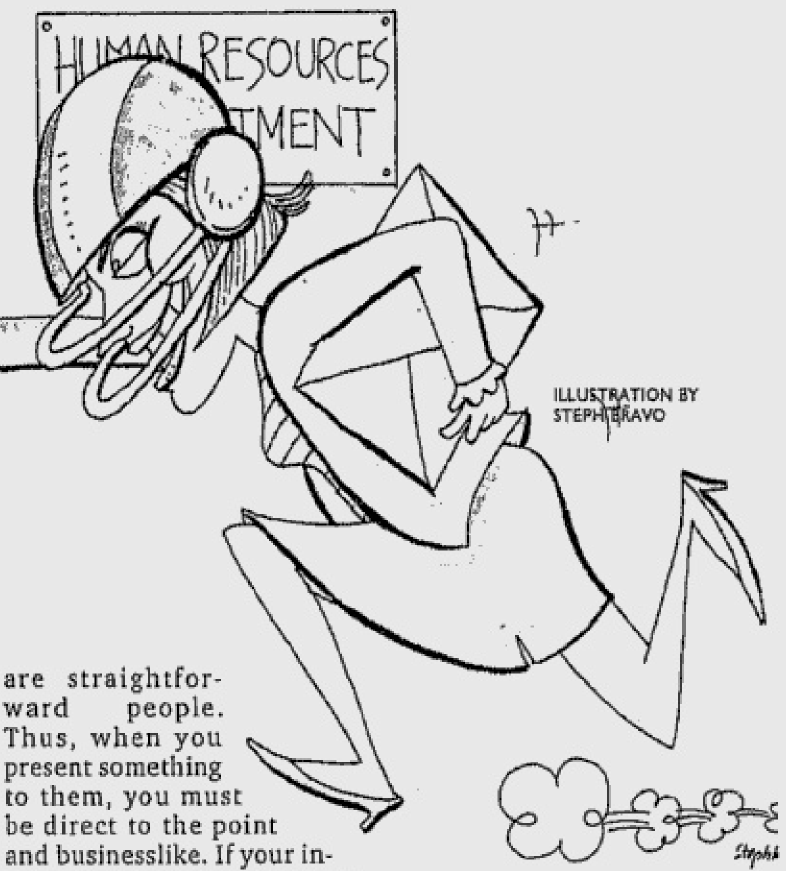
On the other hand, "blue" personalities like to focus on what is morally right. Thus, in answering questions from a "blue" personality, emphasize what are the right things you have done.

"White" personalities are peacemakers and tend to need time to think. If the interviewer is a "white" personality, give him time to respond to what you are saying rather than trying to fill up the quiet air with unsolicited information.

"Yellow" personalities are cheery, people-oriented types. If your interviewer is one, he will most likely be the one talking rather than you. In this case, be a good listener.

A little bit of psychology can help you in your job hunt. Use the "color code" to help you understand other people better, not only during job interviews, but in other life situations as well. If you do, you are sure to pass your interview—and life—with flying colors.

(Email rreyes@inquirer.com.ph *for a copy of the Hartmann personality assessment questionnaire. Next week, learn how to use a fabulous technique in presenting yourself.)*



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WORKING OOPS!

'What's my name again?'

By John

MY EARLY training as an aspiring newscaster in a government-supported television station afforded me an opportunity to do the "top of the hour" news.

One day, my female colleague who would do the weekend afternoon news, was out on an important provincial coverage. My immediate superiors asked me to take her place. Being a neophyte, I tried to be at my newscaster best, hoping to impress and to surpass everybody's expectations. But I was so excited doing the news that when I was about to end my line, "More news coming your way an hour from now. I'm —", I couldn't remember my name! I saw the cameraman staring at me in disbelief. My body froze in unspeakable horror. It took me eight seconds to finally tell the audience that late afternoon my name!

An infamous message from the boss

By Virgilio

TWO years ago, my company decided to celebrate its annual employees' night, post-Christmas party and millennium party in one grand shebang. People in the office thought this event would signal a great head start for us in year 2000. Over a hundred employees from various departments turned up that night.

I asked my boss, the managing director, to say a few words during this auspicious affair. He ended his brief speech (and his reputation) saying, "....and we will relentlessly pursue our target objectives this millennium by hiring employees who are much better than the ones we have now." To this day, I still hear that infamous insult to employees discussed in our cafeteria during lunchtime!

Slowpoke becomes fastest encoder alive

By Jay-r

I STARTED out in my career as a transcriber/production assistant in a current affairs program in television three years ago. My job was to encode interviews done by writers in the computer. At first, I was so scared because I knew that I was very slow in encoding. In fact, I heard feedback from some writers saying so. One time, I even got into a petty quarrel with one of the researchers because he wanted me to finish the work but I was only halfway through.

Because of that incident, I tried my best to practice more. Doing it everyday helped me to keep pace with my fellow workers until finally, I earned the reputation of being the "fastest transcriber" in the office.

(Send contributions to peopleatwork@inquirer.com.ph*)*

Should I blow the whistle?

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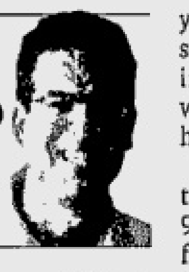


Bob Rosner

Recently, Pat Rusin blew the whistle on another smelly situation. She's a scientist at the University of Arizona who studies bacteria levels in the home that I read about in the News of the Weird. Do you know what's breeding on the dishtowels in your kitchen? Never mind. Ironically, the place that has the fewest bacteria is—you won't believe this—your toilet seat. Apparently, the seat's non-porous surface is so dry that bacteria have a hard time surviving. Now, who would have thought of that?

I'd be careful before you blow the whistle, though. In a perfect world, your integrity and guts would be valued. But in most companies, like those toilet seat bacteria, you'll have a tough time surviving. The questions below should help you sort out your options. You'll find more tips in the ACLU's "The Rights of Employees and Union Members" (Southern Illinois University Press, 1994).

1. Do you have a smoking gun? Any fight with your company is not a fair fight: they've got deeper pockets and more lawyers. So be sure you have hard evidence of wrongdoing before you proceed.

2. Have you pursued all internal avenues of redress? Your boss said there was nothing you can do, but have you talked to your HR department? Your boss's boss? The company ombudsman? The head of another department? It's usually best to check out your internal options first, before airing your grievance in public.

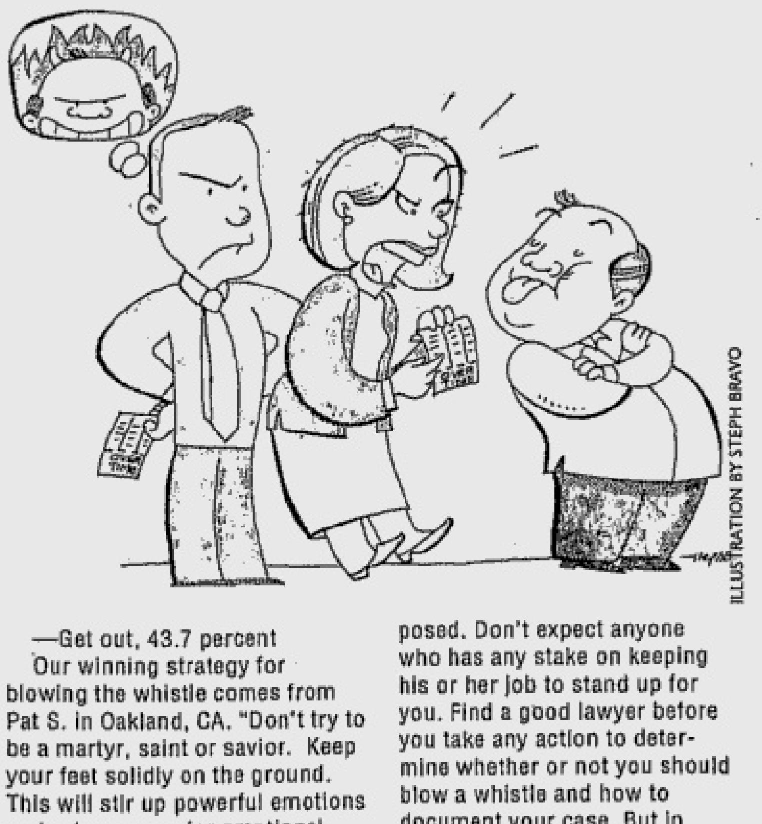
3. Can you pursue redress anonymously? Companies have been known to hold grudges against employees who make waves. Read your employee handbook for rules on submitting grievances to see if there are anonymous channels you can use.

4. Will this be of interest to outsiders? Issues that have implications for large numbers of people like not giving time-and-a-half should trigger an investigation by the Department of Labor (because when they don't pay you, they also aren't paying taxes on the income you aren't earning). There is also your state attorney general and the media.

5. Do you have legal protections? Before you blow the whistle externally, research your company policy as well as state and federal law concerning protections for whistleblowers. A librarian can help you.

6. Are you prepared for retaliation? One study shows that 99 out of 100 whistleblowers faced some form of retaliation, including lost jobs, homes, marriages and more. So before you act, talk to people close to you. Make sure they'll stick with you if things turn nasty.

Don't get me wrong. I blew the whistle once and it remains a highlight of my career. I just want to be sure that you're prepared for what your actions could unleash. After all, the last thing you want to do is throw your career down the toilet, even if the seat is as clean as a whistle.



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Here are the results of our last working wounded.com/ABCnews.com poll: If you found your company was breaking the law, what would you do?

—Forget I ever saw any wrongdoing, 14.9 percent

—Blow the whistle, 41.3 percent

—Get out, 43.7 percent

Our winning strategy for blowing the whistle comes from Pat S. in Oakland, CA. "Don't try to be a martyr, saint or savior. Keep your feet solidly on the ground. This will stir up powerful emotions so try to arrange for emotional support. Spouses and children will need support also. Don't take retaliation personally; remember how unwilling you may be to have your own faults or failings exposed. Don't expect anyone who has any stake on keeping his or her job to stand up for you. Find a good lawyer before you take any action to determine whether or not you should blow a whistle and how to document your case. But in spite of the difficulties, every whistleblower I have talked to said they would do it again."

(Send feedback to bob@workingwounded.com.*)*

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Ito Kish

Small-Town Bo
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Or, how a poor promdi dreamt of someday opening a beautiful home store—and got it through sheer creativity and hard work

By Alya B. Honasan
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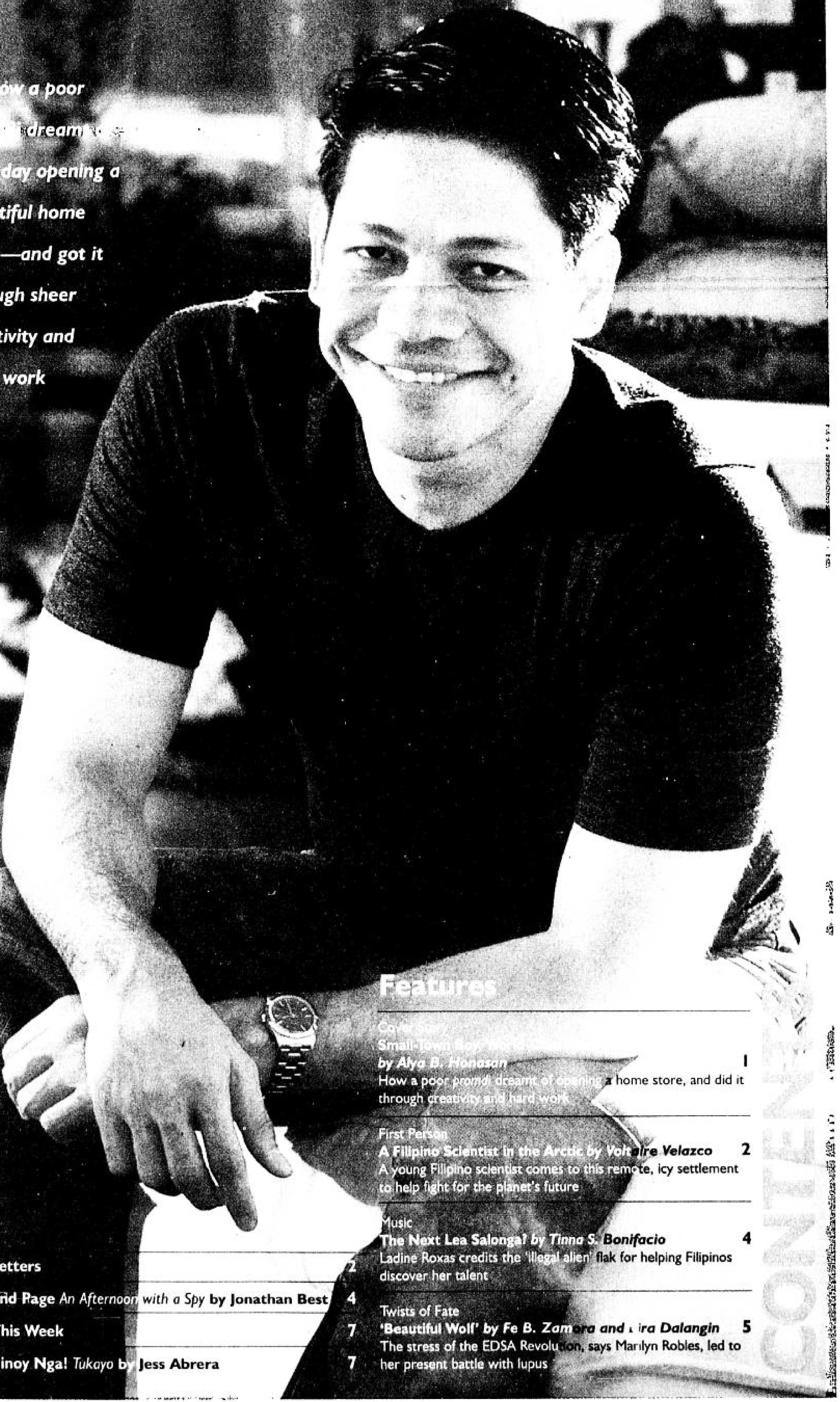

WHEN Margarito Gallano "Ito" Kish was a teenager growing up in San Pablo, Laguna, he lived with his schoolteacher mother and sister in a small house that leaked when it rained. He slept on the same run-down sofa for 20 years, and was only able to buy the household its first refrigerator when he got his first real job with Robinsons Department Store, "the first job that paid me a good salary."

As a young boy, however, he remembers looking around his house and thinking, "This is really pathetic." So, using the money he had saved from selling *masapan* in school, Kish bought some wallpaper—or something like that. "I remember it was pastel-colored gift wrapping paper, and I covered all the walls with it. My mother didn't say anything when she got home, but she liked it. That's when I told myself that one day, I would open the best home store. I didn't know how I was going to do it, but I had a feeling about things. And I believed in really hard work."

Last September, with the opening of the posh 360-square meter home store Kish in Greenbelt 3 in Makati, the work paid off, and Kish has now established himself as one of the hottest home accessories and interior designers in town.

The most interesting part is, despite the creativity he was born with, plush surroundings and a luxurious life did not come naturally to this man who now makes the most exquisite chairs, beds, lamps and other accoutrements to beautify the home. "I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth at all," he laughs heartily and unapologetically. *"Promdi talaga."*

Kish inherited his unusual surname from his German great-grandfather, who married a dusky Batangueña and passed on to his great grandchild "none of the blonde hair, but the height—and the great big heart!" Even as a child, Kish knew he was different. For one thing, he refused to do time helping run his grandmother's dry goods store, because "that wasn't what I wanted to do. I knew I would one day get out of that place."

While studying marketing at the University of the East, the hard life didn't let up for Kish. "I was a bedspacer, and I had an allowance of P150 a week. Every Friday I would pawn my father's Seiko watch so I could get money to go back home to San Pablo." Back home, he would rise at 4 a.m. on Saturday to help his mother set up her *tiangge* stall in the San Pablo market. Later that day, he would be headed back to Manila with a big Nescafe jar full of his *ulam* for the week, *adobo* that didn't have to be refrigerated in his packed boarding house. He would also have enough money to get back the pawned watch. "For about a year, that watch went back and forth. The pawnshop owner

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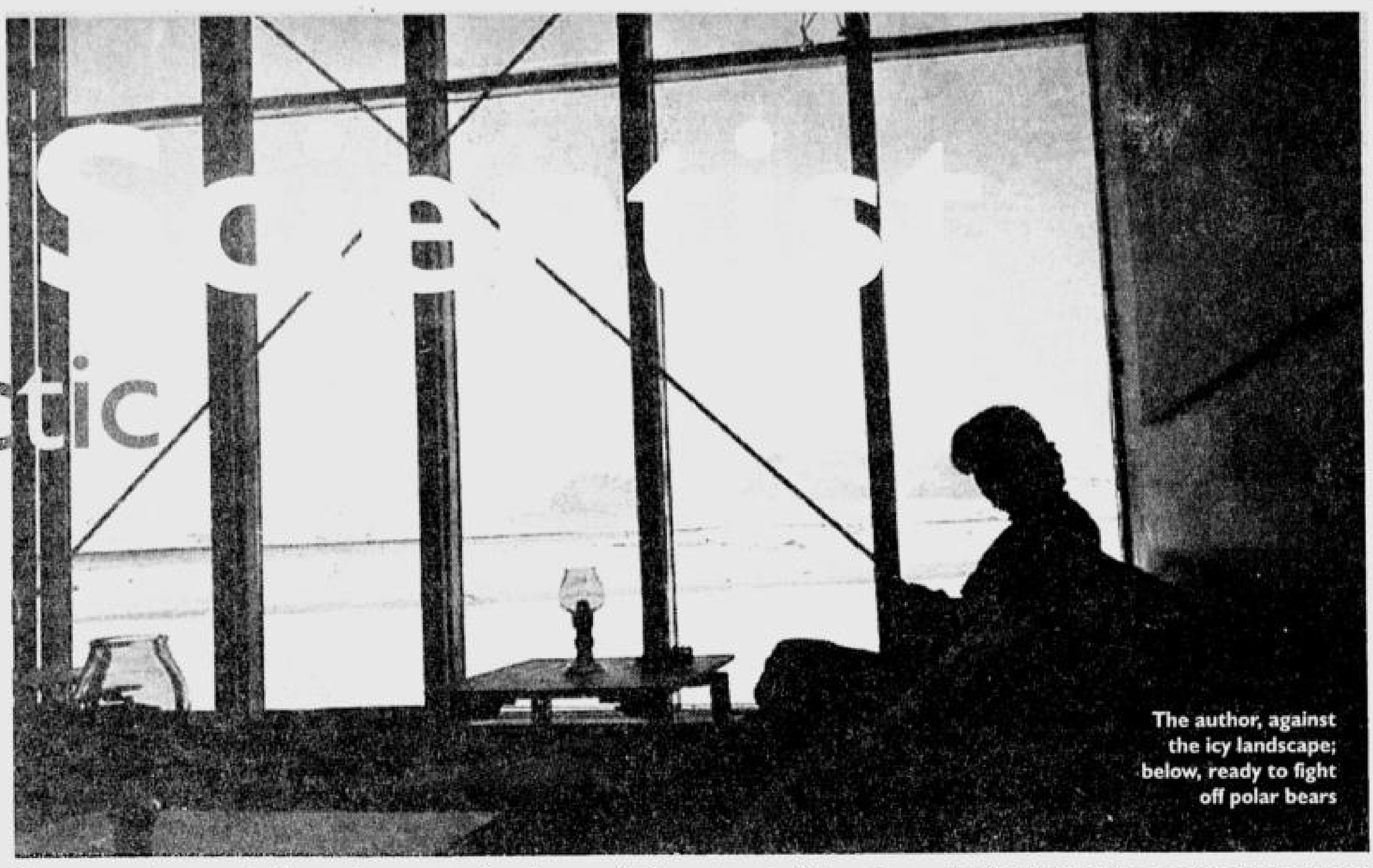


The author, against the icy landscape; below, ready to fight off polar bears

I RECALL where this quest started. Working until midnight in the Physics lab, I would then take a two-hour bus ride and be rewarded by the sight of clear skies in the countryside. The dark road was empty and the only sound, the lull of leaves from proud century-old trees planted by our great grandfather.

Seeing nature has always been more than enough reason for me to travel far from the noise and monotony of the city. Greed and ignorance have destroyed pristine lands and skies and given us smog and haze instead.

We were then a group of Physics majors driven by passion, idealism and belief in serving the country and making a difference through science. The passion for understanding nature better and conserving it took me here. I wanted a chance to conduct my own research on the atmosphere where it is still in its almost pure state—the Arctic.

My connecting flight took me to Amsterdam then to Oslo where I was to spend the night, before proceeding the next day to Tromsø, the tip of Norway. Then it was onward to Longyearbyen, a small town on the island of Spitsbergen, just above the Arctic circle. This is the farthest tourists can go. From Lonyearbyen I was booked on a chartered flight to go farther North to a place called Ny-Ålesund. I boarded a small airplane barely larger than a car. The whole set-up looked exactly like those expedition documentaries on Discovery channel. Apart from the co-pilot, there were only me and a Norwegian ranger armed with a .30-caliber rifle. Just 2000 meters below the window was a landscape of frozen land, rivers and mountains blanketed in snow so white and pure one could almost feel the harsh chill. It was awesome and beautiful at the same time.

That scene around me was something I've never seen in my entire life. We were flying above the Arctic! I had to repeat that to myself a few times.

And so after 29 hours of air travel and six airports, I was finally in Ny-Ålesund, Spitsbergen. It is the northernmost community in the world and just an hour by plane to the North Pole. The population of the whole village is around 50, mostly scientists and engineers. No tourists are allowed to stay so as to preserve the frail Arctic environment.

Surreal is another word to describe the landscape. It was already spring but the sun never set; it just went around the horizon. Jagged peaks and white terrain bright enough to cause sunburn surrounded and isolated us from the rest of the world. I felt I had to wake up the next morning to realize that it was not a dream after all.

A group of scientists gave me a warm welcome. They escorted me to an Arctic van and drove me to the town where the station and my instruments are located. The town looked like a settlement somewhere on an icy alien planet, with everybody a visiting alien to the place. People here come from all over the world but share the same ideals and objectives—mainly, to fight for the future of this planet.

This is the global scenario: Every tree you cut, every piece of trash you burn aggravates the destruction of the earth. The increase in carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere will lead to global warming and climate change that bring about floods in some parts of the world and drought in others. The melting of the polar ice caps could also make the sea level rise.

It all seems clichéd, but when was the last time you saw the stars or had a breath of fresh air? In our country alone, we have sold and poisoned the land that our ancestors died for. Progress is meaningless and wealth is ridiculous when nature is reduced to a dispensable resource. Have you ever wondered why so many people contract cancer and other unexplainable diseases?

Ny-Ålesund is situated on the west coast of Spitsbergen, the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago. Ice and snow permanently cover two thirds of this area. Many of the scientists who have journeyed here become fascinated by the wild scenery of the Arctic landscape and have fallen in love with Svalbard. In Ny-Ålesund, one can experience four months of midnight sun and four months of polar night. During the darkest period around Christmas, there is no difference between night and day. On the other hand, the sun stays above the horizon all day and night during the summer months.

The Norwegian government has designated Ny-Ålesund as the center for environmental research and monitoring in Svalbard. An institution which I had the privilege of working with is the Network for the Detection of Stratospheric Change (NDSC). The NDSC is an institution with observing stations all over the world that study, monitor and protect the earth's stratosphere.

The NDSC station in the Arctic offers state-of-the-art equipment; it is a complete 21st century laboratory in harmony with traditional 19th century Norwegian architecture. The newest methods and technologies are here. It's applied physics working for the benefit of humanity. The laser system is a product of years of research and development. One cannot help but be impressed by all the sophisticated hardware and intelligent software designs. This is the epitome of the wealth of resources of Germany, Japan and other developed countries as well as the expertise and creative minds of people. This is where our country should invest. Filipinos, too, have the ability to achieve all these. With knowledge and a strong sense of patriotism, our country can reach this level of progress within a few years.

A snowstorm halted the measurements for a day. White dust blown by the wind and blasted into fine particles sparkled like diamonds. So this is a polar "storm" carving intricate patterns on the ground—nature's artwork. The sky finally cleared the next day. The sun was out and scorching with ultraviolet radiation. There is less ozone protection here than in lower latitudes owing to the thin ozone layer. Polarized sunglasses and SPF 60 sunblock may be a sign of vanity in the tropics but are necessities here so as not to get cancer or any other form of mutation resulting from the high UV radiation. I hurried into the station, opened the roof and warmed up the laser. It fired 30 shots per second right into space. I got my first Arctic laser signal.

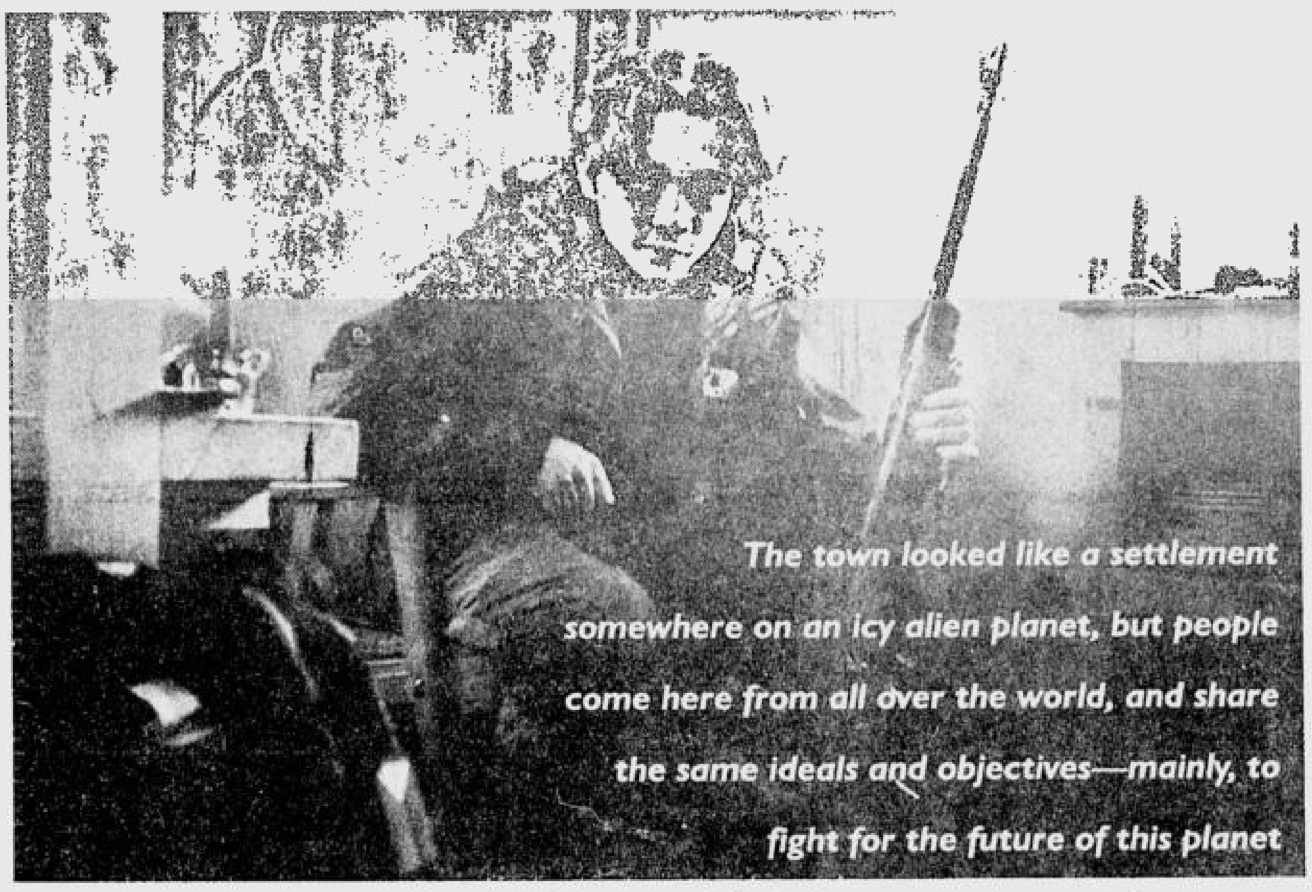
After a week of hard work and successful experiments, I decided to go on a solo trek into the wilderness and sleep in a cabin far from the settlement. My gear consisted of skis, a flare gun, a radio, a .30-caliber rifle and polar clothes. I ski-hiked into a snowstorm. Haze and snow reduced the visibility to 10 meters. Thirty kph winds generated wind chills of negative 30°C. A small cabin finally came into view as the mist started to disappear. It stood near the coast overlooking the fjord and the ice-covered sea waters. I started a fire to get some warmth. Coal is abundant in Spisbergen. This provided Norway the energy for industrialization during the last century. There was enough coal around the cabin to keep me warm for a month and that was really a luxury.

I grabbed my rifle, packed minimal equipment and set up for another hike. I heard tall tales from explorers who went outside their cabins without knowing that a polar bear was just waiting outside their door. Polar bears here are respected for their ferocity as much as they are loved. Everybody seems to have his or her own bear story. Shooting a bear would be the last thing on my mind. Although there are 3,000 polar bears in Spitsberge, outnumbering the inhabitants, the polar bear is an endangered species. Shooting one is strictly forbidden and has to be done only in self-defense. Authorities thoroughly investigate every bear casualty and the penalty is high and could even lead to imprisonment. Still, I believe that these laws should not be the only reason one should not kill a bear or any other animal.

It was already 9 p.m. and snowing with a slight breeze from the open sea. I easily noticed the stillness and emptiness around me, broken only by the sound of my feet crutching through the brittle snow like the sound of cows chewing. For Arctic temperatures, it was not cold at all. Negative 10 °C is very comfortable but I felt the snow biting my exposed face whenever a slight gustiness caused a wind chill of -32 °C.

It stopped snowing but the mist was still thick when I reached the coast. Sea ice just drifted in and snowflakes a foot thick settled over the fjord. The sky opened up from a distance revealing some jagged peaks under a purple veil of sunlight. I stopped and found a frozen rock to sit on. Mystified, I later discovered that I had been sitting there for an hour. I wasn't surprised, not at all. It seemed that time did not have much meaning where I stood. This was a perfect ending to my journey. It was the farthest I have ever been away from civilization. Nature is best seen in pure solitude, no interpretations and no associations. This was true solitude.

The author, who is 24, was raised and still lives on a farm in Silang, Cavite. He studied Physics at De La Salle University-Manila and taught at its Physics department after college. He obtained a Master's degree in Germany and is presently studying for a PhD in Atmospheric and Molecular Physics. He knows martial arts and has mountaineering and backpacking experience in 13 foreign countries, including an expedition on a research ship from the Faeroe Islands up to the coast of Iceland. He may be the first Filipino to conduct research in Spitsbergen in the high Arctic.



The town looked like a settlement somewhere on an icy alien planet, but people come here from all over the world, and share the same ideals and objectives—mainly, to fight for the future of this planet

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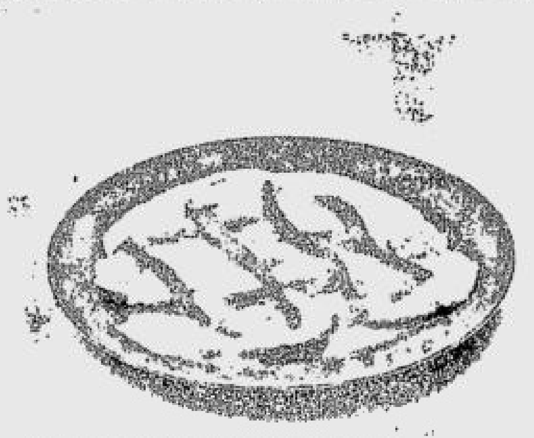

SPANISH CULINARY JOURNEY

Casa Armas continues its Spanish Culinary promo with this month's featured dish, *Lomo con Pimiento*—sumptuous pork tenderloin in luscious sauce. Casa Armas has branches in Makati and Ortigas. A Tapas Bar is set to open this month at the third floor of Greenbelt 3. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

BRAVO, NONOY

I want to speak highly of Nonoy Marcelo. His magnificent works are a great legacy in the field of arts and music. Even if he left this world penniless, his works are priceless.

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THE FIRST DOCTORATE

I would like to bring your attention to an error in the article "Jesus Lava: Memoirs of a Communist" (**SIM**, 26 October 2002) written by Eric S. Caruncho.

Mr. Caruncho wrote "Horacio (Lava) was the country's first Ph.D. in economics, from Stanford (University) no less."

This erroneous claim is no more than a repetition of the wrongful attribution found in Jose Dalisay's work "The Lavas: A Filipino Family" (1999).

For the record, the first Filipino to complete a Ph.D. in economics was Andres V. Castillo (born 1903), who earned his doctorate from Columbia University in 1930. Mr. Castillo's dissertation was titled "Spanish Mercantilism," in which he scrutinized the work of the Spanish economist Geronimo de Uztarriz. Mr. Castillo was later to become the second governor of the Central Bank succeeding Gov. Miguel Cuaderno.

Dr. Emmanuel S. de Dios, a professor at the UP School of Economics, has already written on the subject in a paper he presented to the Philippine Social Science Council. His work, "From Sancianco to Encarnacion: Footnotes to a Genealogy of Economics in the Philippines," cited that Castillo's dissertation was "sufficiently noteworthy to be mentioned by (Joseph) Schumpeter among several authoritative works on Spanish mercantilism, making Castillo the only Filipino author cited in that well-known volume." Dr. de Dios was referring to Schumpeter's well-acclaimed economics textbook "History of Economic Analysis" (1954).

Now that makes Castillo's original Filipino achievement in the history of economic thought comparable perhaps with, in the field of the arts, Luna's recently auctioned "Parisian Life."

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knew me already."

But always, Kish knew when to grab an opportunity. In school, he remembers hanging out with the smarter kids "so I could learn something, and be influenced in a positive way." He got exposed to ballet and classical music while working as an usher at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP). For extra money, he even rubbed elbows with Richard Gomez behind the counter at McDonalds, where he cleaned toilets. "I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty."

Finally, he left college one grade shy of a degree, when he grabbed the chance to travel to the United States as a production assistant for a concert of Celeste Legaspi and Basil Valdez in Washington, DC. His teacher never gave him the grade he needed, but Kish was soon working as a management trainee at Robinsons, and he never looked back.

When his then boss noticed his talent for putting together slick displays, Kish was promoted to visual merchandiser, opening the windows of the then state-of-the-art Robinsons Galleria when the mall opened.

After seven years, when the brownouts were gripping Manila and life was getting hard, Kish answered a newspaper advertisement and found himself on a plane for the first time in his life, headed for a job in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. "I didn't even know the place was a Muslim country, but I remember how beautiful it was," Kish recalls. "And I remember thinking, 'What happened to the Philippines?'"

Malaysia proved to be a stepping stone to the job that would truly expand Kish's horizons. Answering another newspaper ad, he joined the mammoth Dharmawan group of companies in Jakarta, Indonesia, in the midst of that country's economic boom. "When I arrived, the office of the visual merchandising department was a 10-square-meter space with a staff of high school graduates and broken tables." Kish was tasked with turning the department around for a company that had a growing market—Dharmawan was the biggest shopping mall chain in Indonesia, with over 80 stores—and an image to overhaul.

Under Kish's creative leadership, the company opened another 25 stores, and the kid from San Pablo was soon traveling to Europe four times a year, New York three times a year, and around Asia and Indonesia countless times. "I attended trade fairs, listened to the best visual merchandising experts. Being in New York was like being slapped by a wind of creativity. Dharmawan really invested in me." Life had become very good for Kish. "I had a great salary, like the CEO of a small company, my own condo, car, driver, four free trips to Manila every year—there were many blessings."

Kish was finally able to have the house in San Pablo renovated, complete with concrete walls and air-conditioning. "My mom never said so, but she was very supportive. Maybe there was no time for intimacy because of the hard life, but I was close to her." Kish laughs. "She eventually stopped arguing with me because she knew I was going somewhere." Once, he remembers, he was crying his eyes out over the possibility of losing his first job. "All my mother told me was, 'If you didn't do anything wrong, why should you be afraid?' And you know what? She was right."

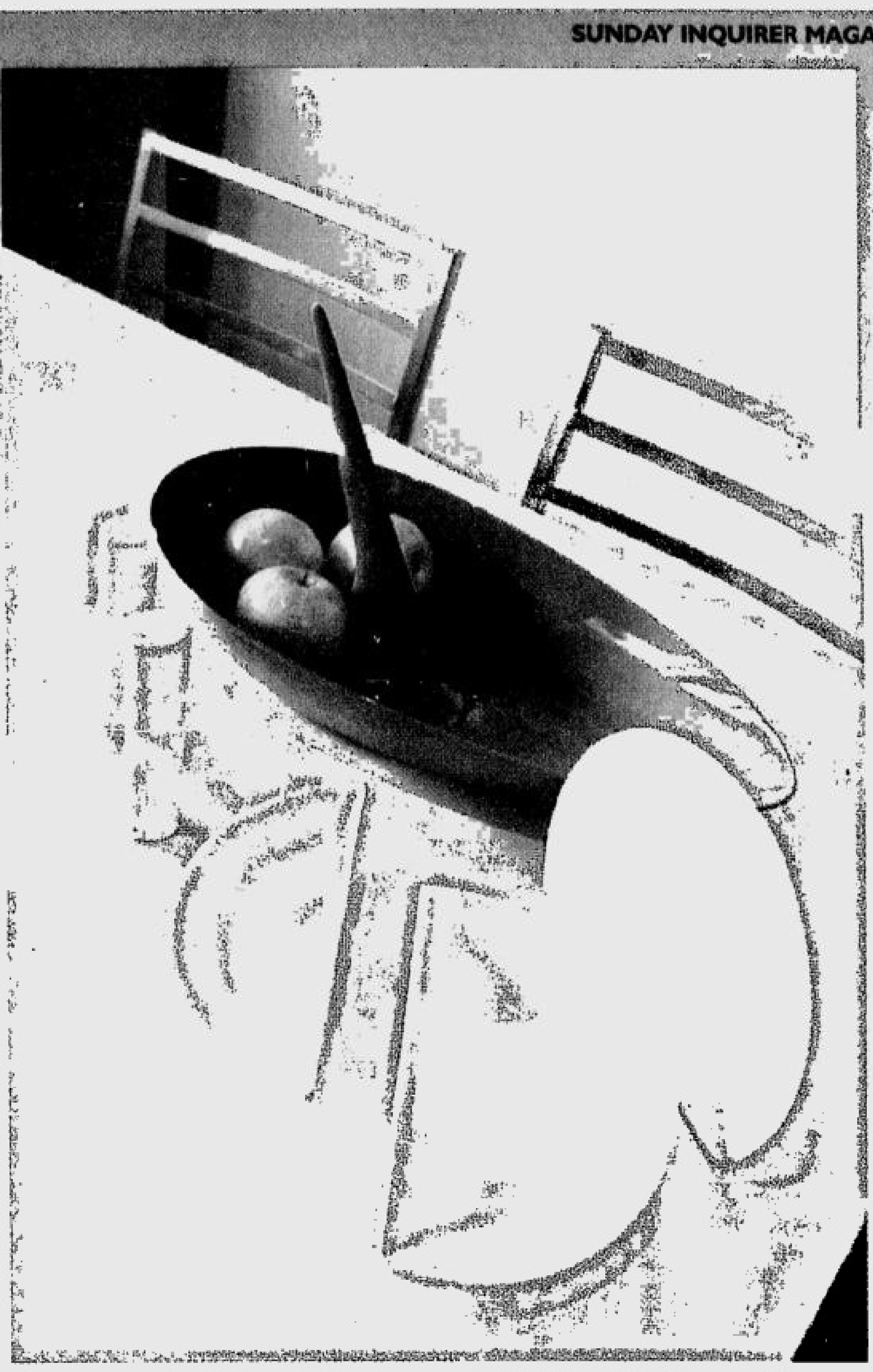
When the political situation in Indonesia worsened, Kish found a way to put his experience and contacts to good use. "I had traveled all over Indonesia to visit stores, and I met people who were willing to trade wonderful pieces of furniture, like a 150-year-old armoire, for a TV set." Together with friend and erstwhile Jakarta colleague Joby Belmonte, Kish began shipping his finds to Manila, and came home. Soon the partners opened Urban Effects, first in Kish's new house in Parañaque, later moving to a more commercial location on Presidents Avenue. Through sheer word of mouth, Urban Effects sold out its entire inventory three days after it opened, offering traditional Asian stuff as acceptable trimmings for the modern urban home. "That's when I knew we were in business."

Kish the store is the embodiment of its owner's long-time dream to have a shop of his very own. While Urban Effects (which also has a branch in Glorietta) specializes in reproductions and markedly Indonesian wares, Kish offers real 19th and 20th century antiques as well as cutting-edge designs from all over the world. The huge space is a shrine to good taste, featuring different sections divided according to theme, color and style. "We don't call our customers clients; they're guests, visitors to our museum, to our home. Our objective is to inspire Filipino homemakers to understand and improve the way they live. My young staff of interior design graduates knows that. Plus, our prices are good. What's the use of creating nice pieces if people can't afford them?"

Already, plans of expansion are on the horizon, and Kish is looking at the bigger picture—sponsoring industrial design contests, developing fine Filipino products for export. This from a man who claims he "cannot even draw a straight line. But today, the computer can do that for you. What's important is to have the ideas."

And Kish is nothing if not an idea man. "I'm always thinking about the store, even when I'm not working or I'm at the gym." His passion for home accessories has not waned, either, and profit is no longer the main motive. "I can buy what I want now, I can afford to travel. But when someone says that this store is an experience, that this is their second home—that's my profit."

Today, when Kish makes it to the newspapers, his mother still brings copies of articles to the *palengke* in San Pablo to show to friends. He still breaks out in a nervous sweat when he meets important people at launches and parties. And he has asked his closest friends in the world to always, always remind him to keep his feet on the ground.



Modern Thai design: 'Ap-peel,' moulded plastic basket with knife sheath by Chaiyut Plypetch; 'Dish-up,' ceramic set of three free-standing dishes, and 'Beeb,' barrel-shaped ceramic salt and paper shakers with functional grip, both by Kunlanath Sornsriwichai. All this on top of 'Sydney' six-seater table of matte PVC and tabletop laminate, with 'Stella' side chairs in matte finished PVC frame with slat backs and leatherette seats

Several years ago, during his first vacation ever in Paris, Kish remembers seeing a beautiful painting at The Louvre depicting Napoleon Bonaparte's coronation, held at the Notre Dame Cathedral. The very next day, he was attending Mass in the very same cathedral, and in the middle of the beautiful French service, it struck him how he could be sitting right where the kings and queens in the painting could have sat. "And then I started to cry. I thanked God for making all this come true. How many people like me have been given this opportunity?" That's why, to this day, Kish likes to go home to San Pablo whenever his busy schedule permits. "I always go back to where I came from, so I know where I'm going."

Finnish style: Tea/coffee pot, hot stand with tea light and stackable cups using ceramic and laminated wood bracelets that serve as insulating handles, by Tony Alfstrom and Brian Keany, Finland; serving tray in brown matte finish with bamboo slits from Bali, Indonesia

Lounge lizard: Antique mini-bar with bottle rack below and glass cabinet for TV, from Burma; 'Hemo bed' reversible lounge chair with contoured metal frame and upholstered in velcro-strapped fabric, from Thailand; Franka pillows by German artist Anke Drechsel, featuring 24 colors of 100 percent silk on silk tafetta, from India

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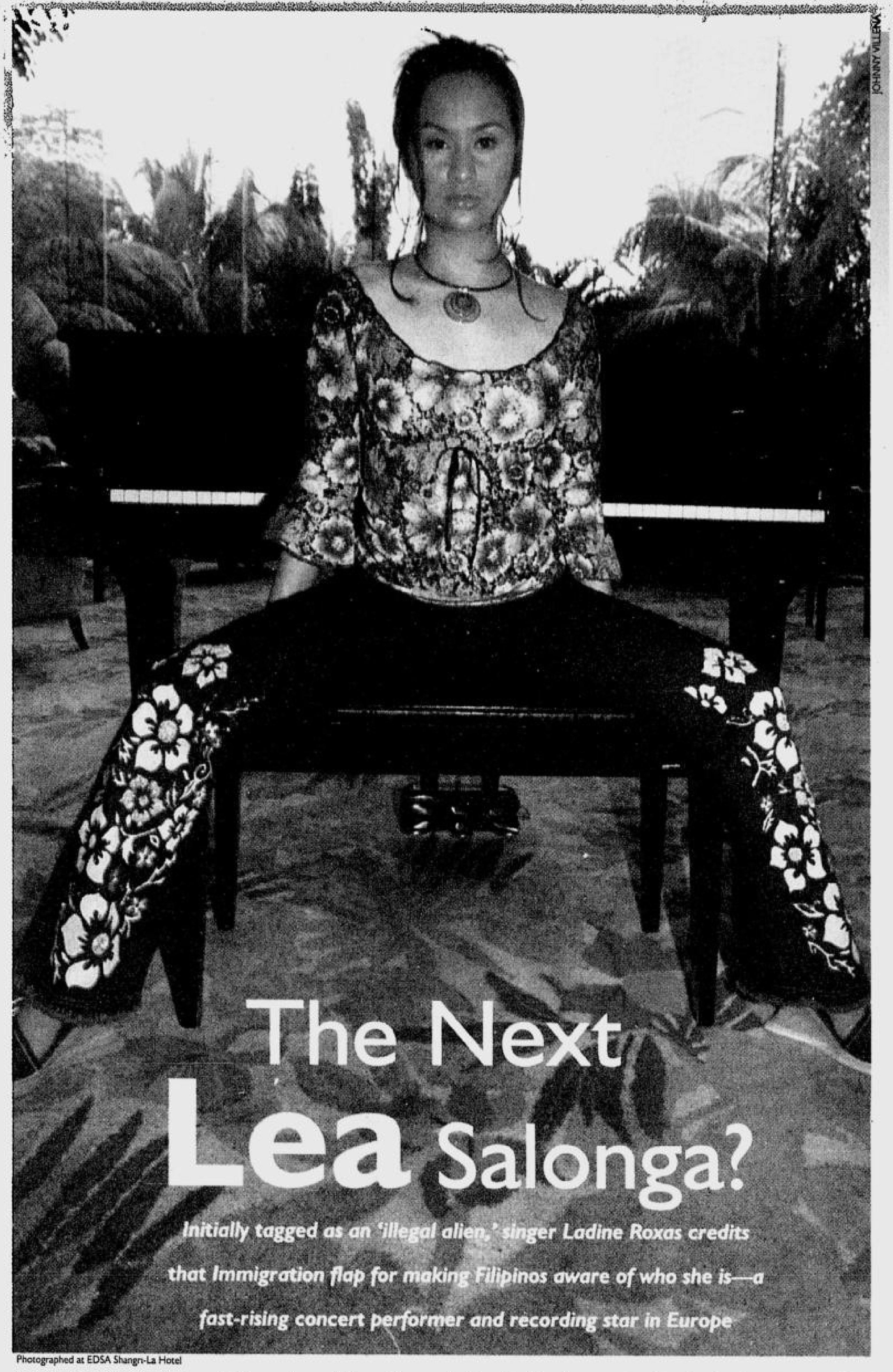
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The Next Lea Salonga?

Initially tagged as an 'illegal alien,' singer Ladine Roxas credits that Immigration flap for making Filipinos aware of who she is—a fast-rising concert performer and recording star in Europe

Photographed at EDSA Shangri-La Hotel

A NOT-so-funny thing happened to Voice of Asia Grand Prix winner Ladine Roxas as she planed in from Hong Kong last month. Having taken a connecting flight from London two days before, she was tired and all she wanted to do was sleep.

She did. But she had a rude awakening the next morning when she learned that, along with commercial model Nancy Castiglione, Rafael Rosell, and a couple of others, she was on the list of performers whom the Immigration bureau claimed had been working in the Philippines without proper documentation. She was in the second batch of celebrities; the first included brothers Troy and KC Montero, and "*Magandang Tanghali, Bayan*" co-host Vanessa del Bianco.

"I was shocked!" recalls Ladine. "Imagine, I'd just arrived the night before and the following morning, I got the news. I received so many phone calls! Even my record producer from London called after she read about it on the Internet. People thought I'd already been arrested! I was supposed to do four corporate shows here, but the clients cancelled because they were afraid of getting fined for hiring an illegal alien."

But all's well that ends well. In a letter to Ladine by no less than Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo, the bureau admitted that it made a mistake in relying on information fed to it by its intelligence agents. According to Ladine's publicist, the bureau was really after a certain Nadine, a newcomer who appears on the noontime show "Eat Bulaga." The similar-sounding names were probably to blame for the confusion.

Now that it's over, Ladine—born Geraldine Olazo Roxas and a native of Limay, Bataan—can afford to laugh at the whole incident.

"It turned out to be a blessing in disguise because more people came to know about me after the incident," says Ladine, who is in town for the November launch of "How Can I Make You Love Me," the album she recorded and released to rave reviews in the United Kingdom last June. An Asian tour is next with Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Taiwan on her itinerary. Then it's back to London to start promoting the second single from her album.

Still, admits Ladine, she felt bad about being mistaken for an illegal alien. "I represented the Philippines in the Voice of Asia contest in Kazakhstan last year. How could I represent the country if I'm not a Filipina?" And before she left for London, she went through the same process that all Filipino overseas workers go through, including lining up at the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency. The fact that she got the documentation normally granted only to Filipino citizens proves her case, says the 23-year-old singer.

Strangely enough, while storm clouds were gathering in the Philippines, Ladine was making waves in Europe, where she had just launched her album, backed by her UK-based recording company, Candid Records. She had a well-attended concert at the Equinox Disco in London's Leicester Square, followed by performances across Europe—in Dublin, Ireland, in Barcelona, Spain and in Paris, France. She was hailed by British entertainment journalists as "an Asian superstar."

Typical of the reviews she received was that written by Steve Blake of The Bournemouth Daily Echo, who said: "This is such a marvelous debut that it immediately places her among today's finest singers. The fastest rising Asian star on the British scene, she has a voice that is distinctive and captivating with an appealing vibrato that gives her singing a girlish sweetness. Her phrasing is natural sounding, relaxed, and infectious."

"*Nakakatuwa!* (It was great)," says Ladine of the reception she got. "After I perform, I would usually get invitations to come back. I guess the people really liked my singing."

Ladine has been to the UK several times, the first to sign her contract, and the latest to launch her album in June this year. But she has not moved to London as a resident, she stresses. "I only have a work permit that I have to renew every time it expires," she says.

When she is in London, she lives with her producers Alan Bates and wife Nieves, a Filipina from Asingan, Pangasinan, in their three-story, eight-room home in Castlenaugh Barnes.

"The house is so big that when it's lunchtime, we have to literally holler to call each other to lunch!" laughs Ladine. But, she adds conspiratorially, the house's humongous dimension has proven to be an advantage for her and Nieves, who have to hide their love of Filipino food from Alan. "He hates Filipino food so when we want to eat ethnic stuff, we have to hide from him," she says. "It's a good thing there are Filipino stores in London where we can buy *bagoong* and *tuyo*, otherwise I'd miss our food too much!"

Ladine has shopped at Harrods, has seen the musical "Bombay Dreams" in London's West End, and has had her share of hilarious moments trying to understand the way Europeans speak. "Once, I was in Glasgow and Birmingham, Scotland for some shows, and I couldn't understand what they were saying. I had to ask, 'Are you speaking English?' It didn't sound like English to me!" She has learned to say "lift" instead of elevator, and "loo" instead of toilet. But it wasn't that easy to interpret the way her British friends would shorten words. "Like they'd say 'comfy' instead of comfortable. It was a little confusing at first, but I gradually got used to it," she adds.

She had to get used to some local customs as well. People in the UK, she observes, have this habit of declaring "Barbecue Day" every time the sun came out. "Maybe because the weather's so cold there, *oras na umaraw, luto kaagad sila ng* barbecue (Once the sun comes out, they cook barbecue!)"

But getting used to Barbecue Day is a small price to pay for the fame and fortune Ladine is now enjoying. It has been a long leap from Limay, Bataan to London, England for this Jose Rizal Institute and College of the Holy Spirit graduate, who was discovered by award-winning composer Vehnee Saturno at the Hyatt Hotel's Calesa Bar.

Of course, the culture shock can't be helped, especially when it concerns the way the Brits do business. "Their ways are so different," notes Ladine. "In the short time that I've spent there, I've noticed that they're very straightforward, frank and honest, as compared to Filipinos, who are very subtle. If they don't like the way I sang, or what I'm wearing, they tell me right away."

Despite the immigration scandal, the culture shock and the challenges that she faces as an Asian talent trying to make it in Europe, Ladine couldn't be more pleased at the way her career—and her life—has been going. And why not? She's off to a very good start.

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By Jonathan Best

An Afternoon with A Spy

Marcos B. Roces, a mestizo from the renowned newspaper publishing clan, recalls the war where he served as intelligence officer for the Allies and helped rebuild wartorn Manila

J. BEST

SITTING in the peaceful garden of Marcos B. Roces' home in Dasmariñas Village a few weeks ago, I had the chance to travel back in time, over half a century, and relive with Roces his adventures as a young Filipino setting out in the world.

Roces was born in 1917 into a wealthy mestizo clan whose ancestors came to the Philippines from Asturias, Spain in the 1850s. His father, uncles and cousins were successful real-estate developers, newspaper publishers and writers. They owned and wrote for The Manila Tribune, which later became The Manila Times. They also owned the famous Ideal Theater on Rizal Avenue, which opened in 1911, and which Roces managed for many years after World War II.

In 1933, Roces' father, Marcos Sr., died and 15-year-old Marquitos was sent off to boarding school in Europe. Accompanied by his uncle, Alejandro, father of Chino, the boy sailed on an Italian ship and stayed at the Raffles Hotel when they docked in Singapore. In Ceylon, the two Filipinos visited the famous botanical gardens at Kandy. They stopped at Port Said and on through the Suez Canal, eventually landing in Venice. From Italy they traveled to Barcelona, Spain where relatives waited for them.

Marcos Roces did not return to Manila until the final days of World War II in 1945. By then he was an intelligence officer in the United States Army, had studied in Europe and at Notre Dame University in America, worked in the Philippine Commissioner's Office in Washington and had seen military action in both Europe and the Philippines.

Two years at De La Salle high school on Taft Avenue prepared him well for his first English boarding school. He remembers to this day his acute embarrassment when his very British teacher scolded the entire class because a newly arrived Filipino student could write better English essays than the English boys themselves. After a year in England his mother insisted he transfer to a school in Switzerland so he could study German and French. His sister was at a nearby girls' school in Lucerne and he has happy teenage memories of visiting on Sundays and meeting all her pretty classmates from different European countries.

Probably the high point of his high school years in Europe came in 1936 when an uncle managed to get him a Press pass to the Berlin Olympics. He had to promise to write at least a couple of articles for the family paper in Manila. This was not a dif-

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Twists of Fate

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'Beautiful Wolf'

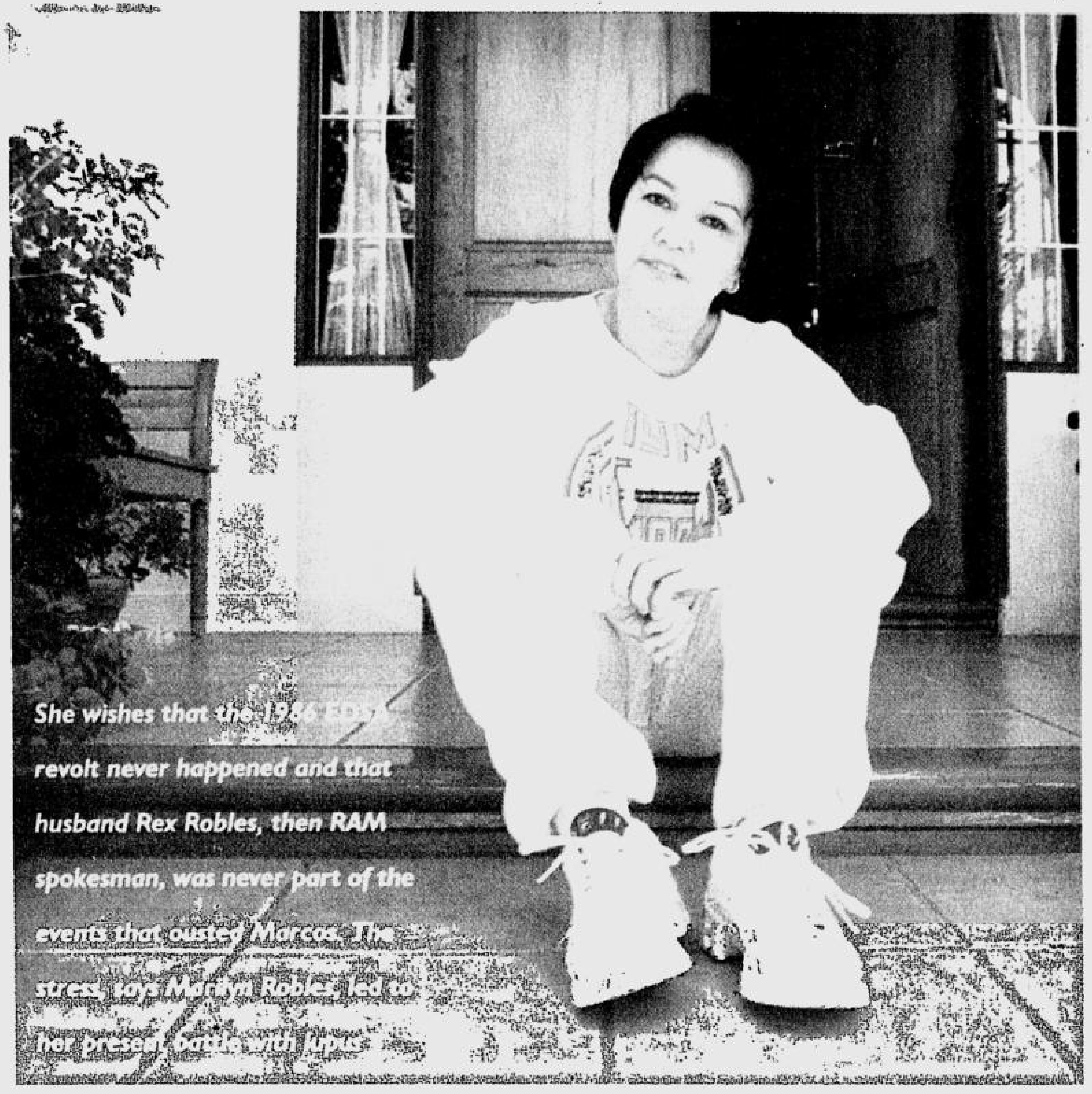
WHEN Dr. Sandra Navarra told her she has lupus, Marilyn M. Robles broke into a piercing cry. "I came here for a blood test and you're telling me I have lupus?" She sobbed into her hands. "When am I going to die? How can I proceed with my life?"

Days before that, Marilyn was in Baguio City for the reunion of Class '65 of the Philippine Military Academy. But she was not feeling well, had in fact not felt well for the past eight years. That February morning in 1995 was the pits. "I felt very strange, much worse than the worst day I've had in my life." She was weak, irritable, light-headed. She had no appetite. Her joints creaked when she moved. Her fingers were practically frozen.

Her image in the mirror sent her into a panic. "My hair was thinning!" She decided to see a dermatologist—for her hair because she's vain—and a rheumatologist for her other discomforts. When rheumatologist Navarra saw Marilyn's bluish fingertip, she prescribed a painful bone marrow test called AnaPel. Her findings were conclusive: Marilyn has lupus.

Systemic lupus erythematosus is an intriguing disease that's hard to diagnose because it mimics the symptoms of other diseases, like arthritis, in Marilyn's case. Or worse, it may not have any symptom at all. Although laboratory tests may indicate "suspicions of lupus," a person may be running around not feeling in any way sick until lupus becomes full-blown and almost always, fatal. Marilyn may have been "running around" with lupus since 1987, but was clueless about it until the AnaPel test in 1995.

Lupus is an "auto-immune" disease, Navarra noted, meaning the immune system goes against itself and creates some kind of havoc inside the body. The cause is unknown, as in other autoimmune diseases, but environment, viral infection, genetics— either singly or in combination—have been listed as among the "suspected causes."



She wishes that the 1986 EDSA revolt never happened and that husband Rex Robles, then RAM spokesman, was never part of the events that ousted Marcos. The stress, says Marilyn Robles, led to her present battle with lupus

More women than men get lupus, the doctor said, and ventured that it must be due to female hormones. That's why estrogen pills are a no-no among patients with confirmed lupus. But, Navarra assured, "Lupus is not cancer and it is not contagious." Of some 2,000 cases correctly diagnosed in the Philippines, most are mild with lupus patients going on with their work and normal functions. Many others, Marilyn among them, are sustained by doses of steroids.

When Navarra first saw Marilyn, she had what doctors term as "non-specific symptoms" of tiredness, painful joints and muscles—very much like a case of bad flu. Lupus, however, has its tell tale signs—like Marilyn's bluish finger tip which developed from poor blood circulation to the finger. Navarra said the giveaway, called Reynaud's Syndrome, is a strong indication, and oftentimes conclusive, sign of lupus.

In this together: The Robles family—Rex, Marilyn, King and Penny

Marilyn says she must have developed lupus in the '80s when emotional stress weakened her immune system. "You have to know the man I married," she says. "In my heart I wish he had stayed in one corner and was not part of history." That part of history, Marilyn declared, "had caused me insurmountable pain."

In 1986 and the happy years before that, Marilyn and her husband, Navy Commodore Rex Robles, now retired, shared the postcard-pretty life of the privileged military. Home was a sprawling bungalow for officers in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Next door was Brig.Gen Galileo Kintanar. Across the street was the house of Lt. Col. Red Kapunan and just next door, that of Col Hernani Figueroa. Further down the street lived Lt. Col. Gregorio Honasan. Kapunan's daughters and Honasan's three sons regularly traversed Marilyn's garden and living room. The Robles' carport stood out in the neighborhood for its large painting of Jesus Christ and a flower—very '60s.

On August 21, 1983, opposition senator Benigno Aquino, Jr. was shot dead while being escorted down a plane ramp at the Manila International Airport (later renamed Ninoy Aquino International Airport). The nation howled in protest. A segment in the military heard, and reacted. On March 21, 1985, a group of officers unfurled a banner declaring their desire for "reforms" in the military. The group called itself the "Reform the AFP Movement" or RAM. When then President Marcos got wind of it, he invited the RAM "leaders" to Malacañang for a dialogue. Robles, the designated RAM spokesman, stood up after what the group would later describe as a "Marcos monologue," and brandished a copy of Marcos' book, "The Filipino Ideology." RAM was inspired by this book, he told the President, and could they have more copies and his autograph, please?

Barely a year later and after the People Power Revolution in February 1986 installed President Corazon Aquino into power, the RAMboys were feted as the new heroes of the cocktail circuit. But as expected of any government founded on temporary alliances, political differences started to seep in. By November of the same year, Robles was under house arrest. He was named as among the key players in the "God Save the Queen" coup plot.

"If I were to wish upon a star, I wish RAM did not exist," Marilyn said in retrospect. "I curse that day because it all started there. If that did not happen, I have nothing to blame."

From 1986 to 1990, Marilyn contented herself being a career woman and mother to Penny. Her elegant dining room and kitchen remained open to defense reporters famished after a day's coverage. Then the invitations petered out. Marilyn, the reporters learned, was sick. In 1991, at the height of the peace talks between rebel soldiers and the government, Marilyn entered hospital for a hysterectomy. Then, she dropped out of sight.

"I was losing control of myself," she recalled. "It was like postpartum blues. I had this intense reaction to everything." She went the round of medical check-ups, but the diagnosis revealed nothing much but syndromes related to hysterectomy, and to a certain extent, early menopause.

She continued with her work as marketing manager for a pharmaceutical company, her mood swings veiled by her excitable, go-getter personality. The unexplained physical lethargy, however, would get the better of her. By 1994, Marilyn's "arthritis" had worsened. She went doctor-hopping again. "I could feel something

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Marcos B. Roces in his Dasmariñas Village garden

k as the Filipino teams preformed
nally well. The swimmers, boxers
k team excelled in the competition
basketball team defeated Mexico
guay, only to be finally beaten by
ted States. Marcos remembers
only 20 meters from Adolf Hitler when the black American athlete Jesse Owens won one of his four gold medals in track. The Nazi leader tried to snub the black American by turning his back on him when the gold was presented. But this only managed to demonstrate to the whole world the vicious racist nature of the emerging Nazi regime.

By 1937, Roces was ready for college and immersion in a totally new culture. He was accepted at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, the heart of the American midwest and famous for its championship football team and "all American" campus life. He teamed up with the students from all the Latin countries who belonged to La Raza Club, and thoroughly enjoyed himself. Because his family wanted him to become a diplomat, he had to transfer to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. to get better training for the Foreign Service. This led to his first job at the Philippine Commissioner's office under Joaquin "Mike" Elizalde. The Philippine Commonwealth Government was still legally under American jurisdiction and the Commissioner's office was set up as the forerunner of what was to become the Philippine Embassy after the country gained its independence in 1946.

Pearl Harbor and the Japanese invasion of the Philippines on December 7, 1941 brought an abrupt end to peace time in the Philippines and the United States. By February of 1942 when President Manuel Quezon arrived in Washington, an exile from the Japanese occupation, Roces felt he had to join the army and fight for his country. He signed up with an all-Filipino contingent that was being trained in California. However, when the Americans discovered he spoke French, German and Spanish and was familiar with the coast of France, having spent many summer vacations there, he was reassigned to Military Intelligence and sent to Camp Ritche in Maryland.

In the spring of 1944 he was shipped out to Oran in North Africa in preparation for the re-taking of Europe by the Allied forces. He landed with the American Seventh Army near Saint Tropez on the French Riviera and moved north towards Lyon in a successful Allied effort to take the pressure off the American and British troops who had come ashore at Normandy. As an intelligence officer, Roces had the dangerous job of moving ahead of the army and trying to capture German stragglers so they could extract information from them. It was vitally important that the advancing Americans knew what types of German units were lying in wait. As soon as the situation in France began to stabilize and the Germans were in full retreat, Roces was hurriedly transferred to Italy where he participated in the Allied liberation of Rome.

Rumor had it that the Germans planned to blow up the Eternal City and the Allies were determined to save it. After a non-stop three-day advance northward from Naples, Roces remembers driving a jeep into the capital amid the cheers of the liberated Italians. To his great surprise, he immediately ran into an old girl friend from his high school days in Switzerland, and was invited by her and her husband for a much welcomed home-cooked dinner. He woefully recalls that he was so tired he promptly fell asleep in the middle of dinner and didn't wake up until the next day. While in Rome he had an audience with Pope Pius XII who was receiving 50 Catholic soldiers a day at the Vatican.

North of Rome, Roces participated in the final skirmishes between the Germans and Americans outside Bologna. He was promoted in the field, a great honor for any soldier. With the war going well for the Allies in Europe and MacArthur having finally landed in Leyte to start the liberation of the Philippines, Roces felt he had done his part for Europe and America and asked to be transferred back home.

He landed in Leyte on January 9, 1945 and arrived in Manila just days after the battle for the city had ended. Japanese snipers were still holding out in some buildings and the devastation of the city itself was unbelievable. Tens of thousands of Filipinos were killed by the retreating Japanese soldiers. Whole sections of the Ermita and Malate districts were leveled. The Christian Brothers along with whole families seeking shelter had been bayoneted to death in the halls of his alma mater, De La Salle on Taft Avenue. Roces was assigned to rebuild the military intelligence units, which had also been decimated in the fighting. He remained in Manila until the end of the war and later returned to Fort Dix, New Jersey where he was honorably discharged on January 16, 1946.

Despite the opportunity to become an American citizen, he decided to return to wartorn Manila to help rebuild and manage the Ideal Theater. He met Marie Teresa Prieto, "one of the nicest and prettiest girls in Manila," and married her in 1949. More than half a century later, they are still happily married. Marcos B. Roces has many, many more fascinating stories to tell, which I certainly hope he will record for his family and friends before too many more years fly by.

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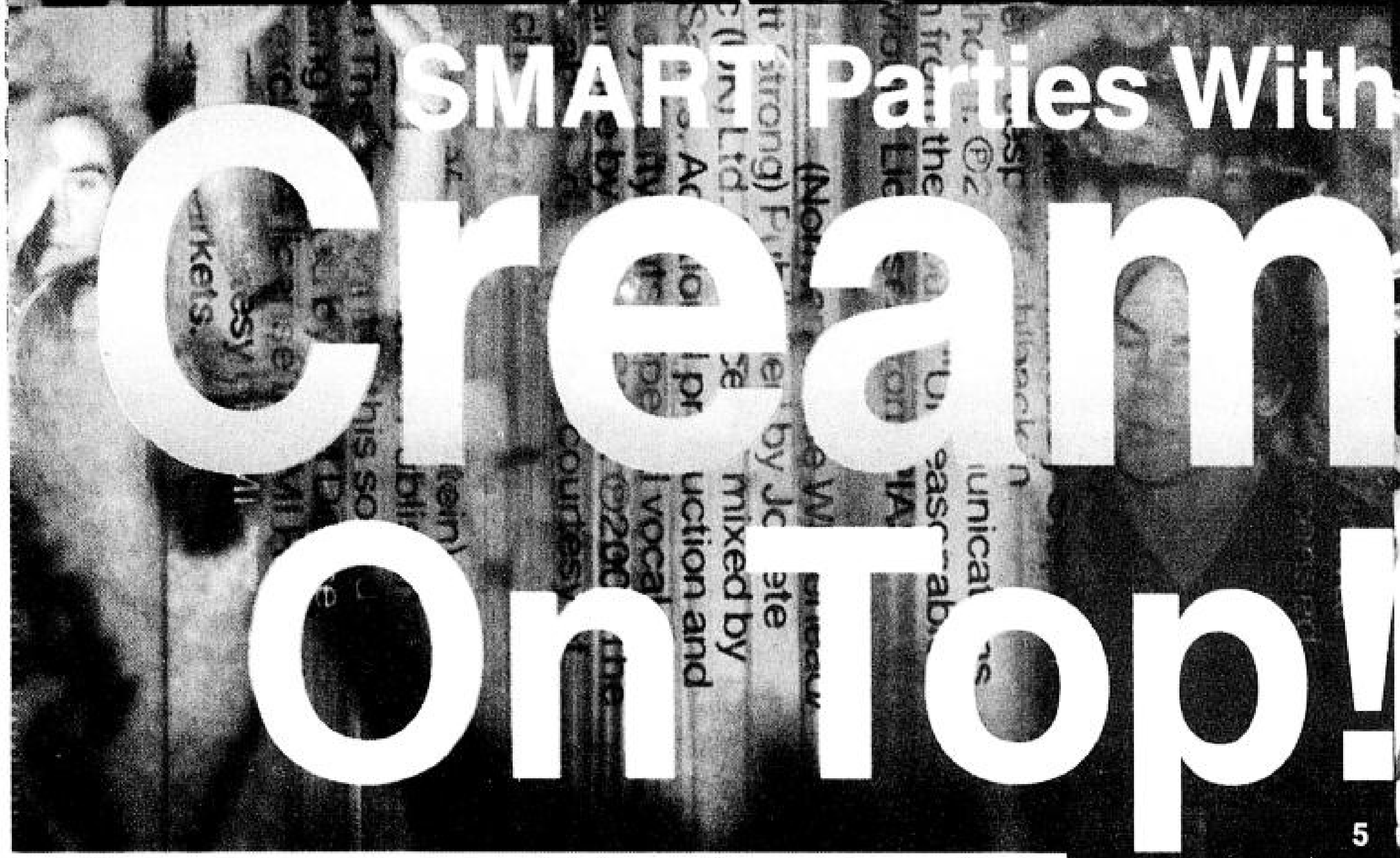

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When SMART promises a cool party, you better believe they're gonna deliver! And so they did just that, with the bang-o bash which was the CREAM Halloween Annual Ball held at the NBC Tent at the Fort Global City. Bodies swayed and levitated with the thump of Dave Lea's progressive house and trance grooves. All souls' was nigh and the energy higher.

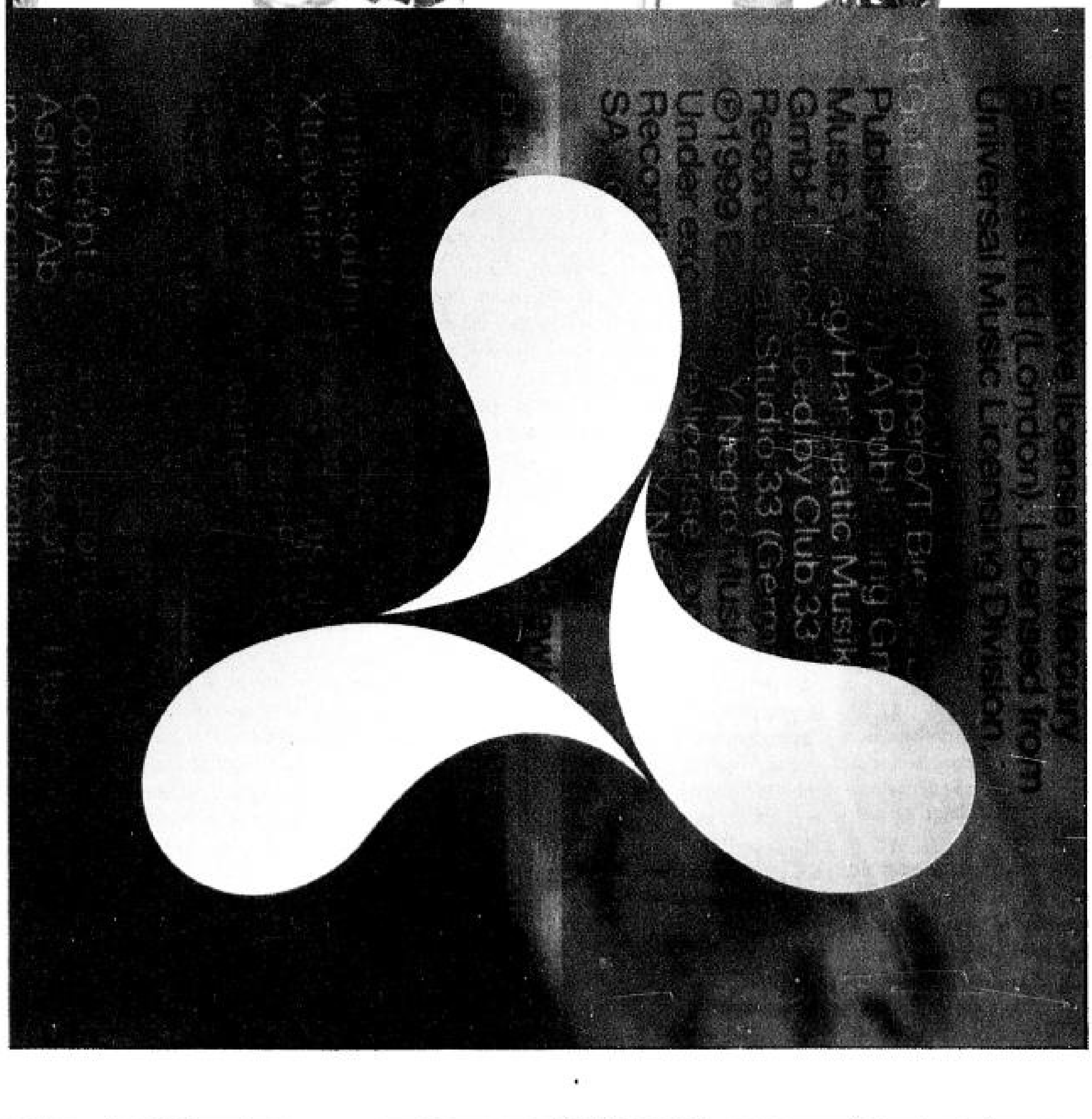
Everybody came to CREAM and that is no exaggeration. The NBC Tent was the perfect venue to house and party such a tremendous turnout. People couldn't believe the crowd massing and dancing as one giant enthralled mass. The fact that many were in costume enhanced the wild carnival atmosphere for the night. Ghouls and goblins never had it this good!

Halloween in Manila was a shocker to David Lea, who lorded it over at the Tent that night, spinning for a record-breaking crowd of close to 4,000 souls. "The scene has grown tremendously here in Manila since I was last here two years ago," he observed from backstage just as he was going to start his set, "The vibe here is so different, so much more alive than in other Asian capitals. The vibe is...Atomic!" Domini Primero of BigFish was likewise awestruck by the turnout that night, "This was the biggest attendance we've ever had considering that there were three other events going on that night. Everybody went to CREAM."

In spite of nasty rumours that it was going to be cancelled, SMART and BigFish went ahead with CREAM at the Tent, and Manila is thankful. Turns out that the only terrorists in robes were wild party animals in costume: an Egyptian Pharaoh was seen screaming at the top of his lungs from the time Anton Ramos and TC provided a wicked warm up to when Dave Lea took the helm. Tony Burton, tour manager of CREAM said that the SMART and BigFish collaboration was "a world class production, the best I've ever seen in Asia."

SMART continues to forge ahead to bring you the best parties and the most awesome events. SMART subscribers were the privileged group at this event. They got special deals and discounts on tickets, as well as a SMART Express Lane where they breezed through the long line at the gates. SIM-Swapper Alfred Ong was smilingly fielding congratulatory calls from his new Nokia 7650 after being picked as one of the winners of the raffle. Next time, next memorable party, the lucky winner wearing that smile could be you.

1). Dave Lea whips it out for the "Atomic" Manila crowd 2). Two Tuts make it tight. Pharaoh's my name and Cleopatra's my game. 3). Lucky SMART SIM-Swapper Alfred Ong with his new Nokia 7650 4). Fro Fro! Richie and Faith Lavarro make an electrifying entrance 5). Two purple horns on your head yields instant results! 6). JM Rodriguez with two street angels and one saucy devil 7). Robin DaRosa with CJ and the Spellbound gang 8). Carlo Ledesma & Mel Lozano by the SMART bar



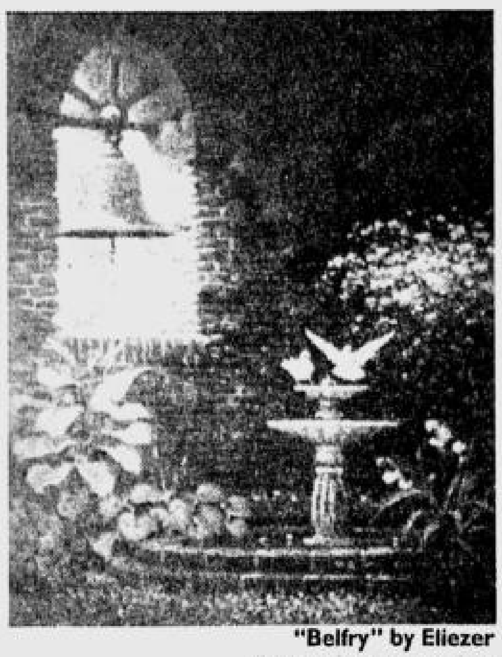
This Week

Art

Putting the Philippines in Map, an exhibit of maps done by famous navigators and colonizers, until Nov. 20 at the Catwalk of the Metropolitan Museum.

Pintanaw, Isang Makulay na Pananaw, a group exhibit of 14 young Pintanaw artist-members at Gallery Genesis, 4/L, SM Megamall A until Nov. 21. The artists also offer special sketching sessions during the exhibit to interested sitters. For details, call 633-8137.

On view at Syano Artlink (19 Shanghai St., Better Living Subd., Parañaque) until Nov. 22 is an exhibit of new works by Bacolod-based artists **Nunelucio Alvarado, Charlie Co and Dennis Ascalon**. Featured are works in watercolor by Alvarado, oil paintings and ink on paper works by Co, and Ascalon's tapestries.



"Belfry" by Eliezer Dimaculangan on view at Gallery Genesis

For Play, Butch Payawal's recent drawings and paintings on the subject of passion at The Big & Small Art Co., 4/L, SM Megamall A until Nov. 23.

Philippine Paintings features works by 19 Filipino artists who participated in the recently concluded Asian International Art Exhibition held in Korea, until Nov. 30 at the Ayala Museum, Old Makati Stock Exchange Building, Makati City.

Deep Penetration, a multimedia interactive installation at the CCP Small Gallery by Claro Ramirez until Nov. 25.

Recent Works 3, the third in the series of group exhibitions at Kulay Diwa Art Galleries, 25 Lopez Ave., Lopez Village, Sucat, Parañaque until Nov. 25. For details, call 826-0574.

Variations of 3, a three-man show by Edgar Doctor, Lino Severino and Ching Caluag from Nov. 15-30 at the Discovery Suites, ADB Avenue, Pasig City. On display are the artists' latest works done in watercolor on themes such as landscapes, still lifes, rural genre and floral motifs.

Lighting Show and Other Incidents, a multimedia exhibit by artists Juan Alcazaren, Datu Arellano, Ringo Bunoan, Roberto Chabet, Lena Cobangbang, Al Cruz, Nona Garcia, Nilo Ilarde, Geraldine Javier, Gary-Ross Pastrana, Ikoy Ricio, Gerardo Tan, Alvin Villaruel and MM Yu, until Jan. 4, 2003 at the Photography Art Center, Zen Building, 8352 Mayapis St. cor. St. Paul St., Makati City. For details, call 895-4143.

Music

Crossover presents Lani Misalucha and Nanette Inventor in an evening of music and entertainment at the Captain's Bar of the Mandarin Oriental on Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. Joining them are musical director Gerard Salonga with Crossover resident musicians and the vocal group The Opera. For tickets, call 750-8888, Crossover at 731-1667 or Ticketworld at 891-5610.

Funnyman John Lapus conquers the concert scene with **Dis Is It! D' Universal Sweet Event** on Nov. 16, 8 p.m. at the Tanghalang Francisco Balagtas. Joining John are Ai Ai de las Alas, Dessa, Bing Loyzaga, Rufa Mae Quinto, The Company, Christian Vasquez and Jessa Zaragosa. Tickets available at Ticketworld outlets or call 891-5618 or 638-4243 to 44.

John Lapus in concert at the Folk Arts Theater on Nov. 16

The Cultural Center of the Philippines presents the final concert of the Filipino Artists Series featuring **soprano Camille Lopez** on Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino. Lopez will be assisted on the piano by Najib Ismail. For details, call 551-7930.

Cinema

pelikula@titusbrandsma presents **Decalogue** by Krzysztof Kieslowski, an unusual version of the "Ten Commandments"—ten 60-minute films that tell stories of daily life in Poland, Nov. 16 at 1:30 p.m. at Titus Brandsma Center (24 Acacia St., Cubao, Quezon City). For details, call 726-7763 (Jofti) or 839-7351 (Francis).

Onstage

The New Voice Company production of **The Vagina Monologues** features new actresses similar to the rotating cast done in the London and New York shows. The new cast features Angel Aquino, Sheila Francisco and Belinda Panelo in the English version which will run on Nov. 15 and 16 at the Music Museum. The Filipino version features Gina Alajar, Pinky Amador and Angelu de Leon on Nov. 22, 23, 29 and 30. Tickets available at all Ticketworld outlets (major National Bookstore branches, Robinsons Dept. Store in Galleria and Malate, Tower Records Alabang and Makati, and at the Music Museum box office) or call 896-6695.

Dramatis Personae presents Henrik Ibsen's **Brand**, a riveting drama on moral absolutism versus compromise, on Nov. 15, 8 p.m. at the Francisco Santiago Hall, Equitable PCI Bank Tower 1, Makati Avenue, Makati City. Regular performances will go on at the Pius XII Theatre, UN Avenue, Manila until March 2003. Tickets available at all Ticketnet outlets or call 721-3178 and 722-4205.

The British Council and the Cultural Center of the Philippines present **Static**, a two-character play which earned rave reviews in last year's Edinburgh International Festival. The play runs at CCP's Tanghalang Batute on Nov. 16 (2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) and Nov. 17 (2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.). A theater forum on media responsibility and the performing arts will follow each performance. The play will also be performed at the Baguio Colleges Foundation on Nov. 19, in Bacolod on Nov. 22, and St. Theresa's Academy-Cebu on Nov. 23. Workshops on "Media Responsibility and Alternative Theater" will also be conducted by the actors. For inquiries, call Ahrni Planco at 914-1011 to 14.

The cast of "The Vagina Monologues," (from left) Sheila Francisco, Angel Aquino and Belinda Panelo

Atbp

Adarna House launches **After Eden**, a graphic novel by two-time National Book Award winner Arnold Arre, 3-5 p.m. on the following dates: National Bookstore (SM Megamall), Nov. 10; SM City North Edsa, Nov. 17; Cubao (Super branch) on Nov. 24; Powerbooks (SM Megamall), Nov. 23 and in Glorietta, Nov. 30. For details, call 372-3548.

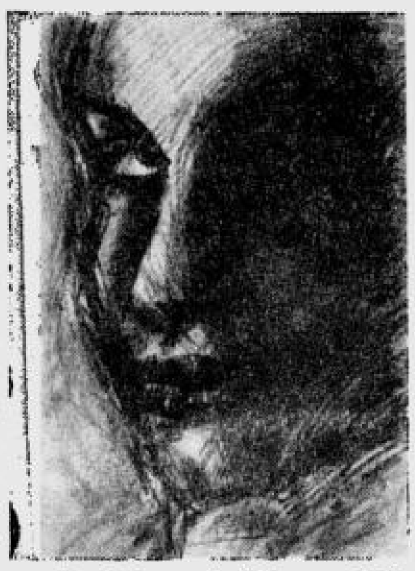
The **Malate Catholic School** will celebrate its 85th Foundation Day with a grand reunion on Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. All alumni are invited to relive the good old days of their youth in Malate. For details, call Dolores Soriano at 400-0278; Chay Garcia (0918-9105282); Tesz Bibat Celestino (0917-8198897 / 631-3987) or Daniel Tenorio (0917-8363052 / 810-9781).

Nonoy Ozaeta will conduct **An Angel Awareness Workshop** on Nov. 16, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Health and Creative Arts. For details, call 434-5381.

Biodiversity 10K Fun Run, a run for a cause on Nov. 17 at UP Sunken Garden in support of Biodiversity conservation efforts through Bangka't Buhay, a national advocacy program for the protection of marine sanctuaries. For registration, call Haribon Foundation at 920-7430.

All high school debate institutions are invited to send their representatives to the Astoria Plaza-Ateneo Debate Society 1st **Philippine Schools Debate Championships** to be hosted at the Ateneo de Manila campus on Nov. 22-25. Top finalists will be trained to represent the country in the World Schools Debate Championship Event in Lima, Peru next year. Registration deadline is Nov. 15. For details, call 0916-6233922 or log on to www.psdc-ads.com.

The Institute of Communication of the University of Asia and the Pacific will hold a **conference on Media Law** on Nov. 21-22 at the Li Seng Giap Auditorium of the UA&P in Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The conference seeks to examine the basic laws affecting media and communication, the trends and developments in view of the changes brought about by technology. For reservations, call 634-0321 or 637-0912 loc. 232.



Butch Payawal's "Women of Tel-Aviv," on exhibit in "For Play," ongoing at The Big & Small Art Co.

A **Putting Up a Daycare/Preschool seminar** will be held on Nov. 16 and 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the ACCM Building, 102 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. Limited slots available. Seminar fee is P9,950 inclusive of lunch, snacks, certificate and course handouts with one month sample of preschool curriculum. For reservations, call 823-2615.

KidsActs Philippines Inc. is holding a **Christmas Card Contest** with the theme "Give Love on Christmas Day." The contest is open to kids 14 years old and below. Contestants can use any drawing or painting material of their choice in an 8.5" x 11" drawing white paper or cardboard. Every contestant is allowed to submit a maximum of three original and unpublished entries. Registration fee per entry is P250. Send entries together with the application form in a short brown envelope to KAPI Christmas Card Contest Year 2002, KidsActs Philippines Inc., 15 Sunrise St., La Paz Village, Makati City. Deadline is Dec. 9. For details, call 896-7656.

Ridget Escolme and Jon Spooner in "Static"

A **Wedding at the Fort on-the-spot photo contest** will be held on Nov. 23, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila. Models and wedding trousseaux courtesy of the Fashion Designers Association of the Philippines. Contest participants are not allowed to bring their own models and wedding gowns. Cash prizes and trophies await wainners. Registration fee is P300 inclusive of one roll of Kodak Pro Image 100 film, a prepaid job envelope for developing and contact printing and a contest ID. Entries must be 8 x 10 Kodak Professional Supra or Kodak Metallic color prints, unmounted, black or white borders optional. For inquiries, visit the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation office at 7/F Comfoods Building, Gil Puyat Avenue cor. Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City or call 843-5341 and 813-7420.

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The UPLB Microbiological Society will hold its 16th annual **Microweek** on Nov. 18-22 with the theme "Microbes at Work in our Dairy Lives." It will feature an exhibit, an inter-high school biology quiz contest, essay writing and poster making competitions and a symposium on dairy microbiology. For details, call (049)536-2893.

The **Adventures in Discovery Science Exhibition**, a travelling exhibit featuring 42 interactive modules crafted to demonstrate specific science principles and concepts, is on view at the Megacenter Hall in Cabanatuan City until Nov. 24. For details, call 536-3059.

The **De La Salle-Lipa High School Batch '77** will hold an alumni homecoming on Dec. 7 at the De La Salle-Lipa Sentrum. The affair will start with a Eucharistic celebration at 3 p.m., followed by an Air Show, a joint lighting of torch by representatives of the 40 high school batches to mark the school's 40 years of providing Christian education in the city. The Jubilee Program will be capped by a fireworks display as a prelude to a back-to-back concert featuring the Passage and Q& A bands. For tickets and reservations, call 726-0673 (Manila) or 756-2491 loc. 229 (Lipa).

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
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- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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By Jess Abrera

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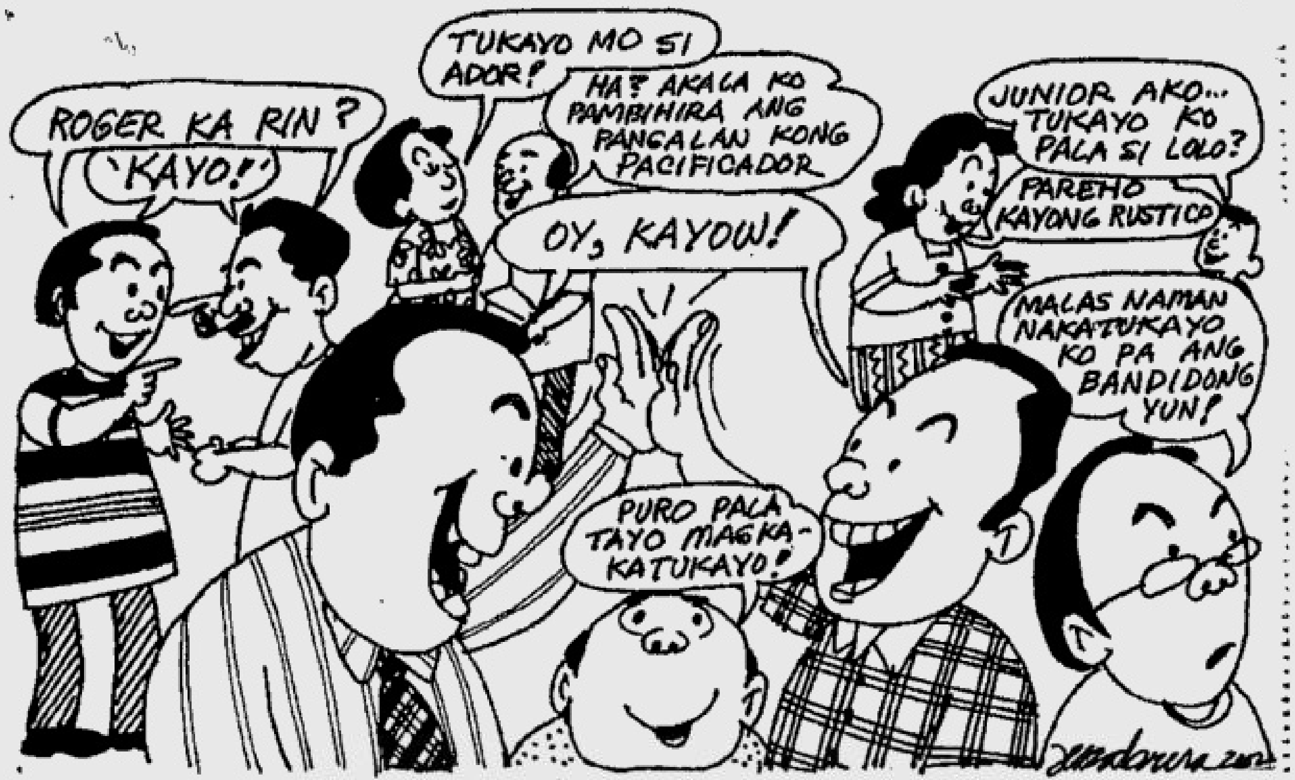
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Beautiful

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was wrong but I couldn't tell what," she says. The first signs came with the white blood count. At one point, it dropped to a very low 2. She had another test, and it rose to 3.

Sun exposure would weaken her, she noted. Also, Marilyn recalled, she had a red face without apparent stimulus. Called malar rash, it gave her the face of a wolf, which in Latin, translates to lupus. High altitude is also bad for an unsuspecting lupus patient, she added, recalling a lupus flare up in Baguio City in February 1995.

After being told she had lupus, Marilyn cried briefly then collected herself and started asking questions. "I wanted to know if I would be a burden to my family and if I could go on working. Sandra said yes, but in the meantime, I had to take a handful of capsules." Medication would see her bloat to epic proportions, giving her—a former commercial model and campus head-turner at the University of the Philippines—another reason to be depressed. Lupus, she was to discover, afflicted mostly beautiful women. It was small consolation, but Marilyn refused to be vanquished. She kept on working, a rather hazardous decision. "I needed the money for medication." At work, however, she became picky, sensitive, short-fused. "I should have rested, but I was in the denial stage." The company eventually fired her unceremoniously.

Then she began reading up on lupus, a disease Filipinos always associate with President Marcos. She also met with other lupus patients. One day, she walked in on the meeting of the Lupus Foundation of the Philippines at the University of Santo Tomas hospital, a support group for lupus patients and their caregivers. Established in December 1993, the LPF also aims to increase lupus awareness among the general public and develop research incentives on the disease, which remains one of the most unreported ailments nationwide. It has two active chapters in Metro Manila, one in Cebu City and another in Davao City. The LPF has a list of members, but the entire membership has never met at any one time, said Marilyn. "There's always one who is undergoing dialysis, or having an attack, or about to die, or had died during the month. We have come to live with this."

Unlike cancer patients who seem to get an idea of their impending mortality, lupus patients are kept in a perpetual state of vigilance. "You can never tell when a flare can be so serious as to cause death." Marilyn noted that as a lifetime companion, lupus can betray her any day and that she's going to die if her body says she must. She's prepared for any eventuality.

And she's back to work, too. A multinational company has hired her to manage its corporate headquarters in Manila. Yes, they know Marilyn has lupus. In fact, her boss calls her "beautiful wolf."

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